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Islanders steam after mill meeting

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Islanders are clearly interested in what's happening at the Crofton pulp mill even if conflicting views cloud the central issue of an alternative-fuels trial.

Over 100 Salt Spring residents ferried to Crofton on January 20 to learn more about NorskeCanada's plan to use tires, coal and railway ties as auxiliary fuels at the pulp and paper mill.

Crofton Community Centre was filled beyond capacity as approximately 500 area people attended the meeting.

Island residents are now left in a haze between the dire health warnings of environmental advocates, the easy assurances of improved emissions by company spokespeople and the laconic calm of government bureaucrats.

"The reason I went over was I thought something of this magnitude deserved atten-

tion," said Salt Spring resident Dion Hackett.

Self-described as a subcontractor parent who bangs nails from paycheck to paycheck, Hackett wanted to learn more about the Crofton mill firsthand.

"Often we sit back in complacency and rely on other people to do the groundwork like sheep."

And Hackett brought his 12-year-old daughter to the meeting so she could observe

the process too. He believes communities are becoming more conscious of industrial actions.

"We have to let them know it's not okay to poison our children and it's not okay to poison the ground."

But he doesn't want to jump on an anti-corporate bandwagon, he said.

"I don't just take the propaganda from the environmentalists and say, 'This is the way it is.' I don't know enough about

it and that's why I'm going over to learn as much as I can."

After hearing the meeting submissions, Hackett didn't find the corporate or government speakers very convincing.

"If I was the judge, I'd be in favour of the environmentalists."

Hackett believes the community needs to get educated

MILL MEETING 2

Lee wins trustee election

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By PAT BURKETTE
Driftwood Contributor

It was a neck and neck race but Dan Lee crossed the finish line first in a high-interest fire trustee by-election at Ganges fire hall Monday night.

At the close of voting, just after 8 p.m., Lee had scored 106 votes, with candidate Edward (Ted) Hinds getting 98, making Lee the unofficial winner in the race for the vacant seat on the seven member Salt Spring Fire Protection Improvement District board.

Three ballots were declared spoiled, and a check of voters' names against a list of property owners found only one ineligible voter.

Lee, who is owner/operator of Ganges' Thrifty Foods store, said of his new role as trustee, "I just want to help. I have no agenda."

"I'm a doer," he added.

Lee was a volunteer firefighter for nine years, but resigned because of time commitments for work and family.

Controversies about the fire district's handling of a dispute with former volunteer firefighters Jeff Outerbridge and Bruce Patterson have heightened interest in fire district affairs in the past six months.

In an action unprecedented in the history of fire board trustee elections, each voter was required to sign an affidavit declaring property ownership in the island's fire improvement district.

If a discrepancy of more than four votes had been found between affidavits and list, the election would have had to be held again.



SCIENCE IN THE SAND: Fulford Elementary School students Connor Jackson, Jyah Flam and Tilai Ellis Stairs, along with parent helper Steven Stairs, take their science class to the shoreline for beach studies on a grey January day last week.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Clear-cut remedy sought by Trust

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) is seeking a remedy from property owners after clear-cut logging and excavation violated protected forested areas at the Rainbow Grove subdivision.

"There was clear-cut logging of lands in the subdivision that are shown in the plan as being protected by private covenant and there is also clear-cut logging in property shown as being common property of a strata corporation," said Trust planner John Gauld.

An additional clear-cut and excavation occurred in an area dedicated for parkland, he said.

Islands Trust holds a covenant on the property to ensure the subdivision is completed in accordance with the plan, Gauld noted.

Investigating the site, he found a clear-cut that covers approximately one hectare (2.4 acres) of protected lands. An excavated dug-out also spans approximately 10 metres (30 feet) of lands dedicated for parks.

During an LTC meeting Thursday, staff were directed to meet with subdivision

owners to determine a remedy for the clear-cut logging and excavation.

Trust planners were also directed to discuss options for resolution with representatives from the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC).

Options for resolution with PARC include: restoration of proposed lands, alternative lands for parkland dedication or cash-in-lieu.

"Sure they are going to replant. But how do you replant and refurbish 150-year-old trees?" said PARC chair Bill Curtin.

Developer Mel Topping, representing Parks, O'Connor and Parks Investments Limited, was baffled by reports of LTC concerns at the 41-lot Rainbow Grove subdivision.

"I would deny there has been any logging in the park area."

As of 4 p.m. Tuesday, Topping had not yet heard from the LTC. He plans to talk with the Trust to clarify the matter.

"We would cooperate in any way if there is some fault," Topping said.

"We follow the rules."

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and vote in a government that will develop sustainable industries.

“I would love to believe that everything is okay and that they are doing everything to code, for lack of a better word. Hopefully we’re all panicking because we’ve got nothing better to do with our lives.”

It’s ironic that people complain about the mill when they don’t take responsibility for their own contributions to pollution, he said.

“We’re asking the mills to be responsible when I would get a failing grade on an air-pollution report card.”

Islander Suzanne Little also went to the meeting to get more information.

“I read what one of the organizers had written in the Driftwood the previous week and I was shocked so I wanted to find out more.”

But Little was more disturbed by what she learned at the meeting.

“The thing that’s on the table right now is what mobilized people but the information that came out about what’s already being emitted from their facility really got to me.”

MILL MEETING: ‘Simply intolerable’

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Now Little has begun grass-roots campaigning against the mill among her friends.

She wonders, “How come this was even allowed to happen?”

Islanders did an excellent job of organizing local representation and sharing information, she said.

“They basically put up these placards that said, ‘Walk on the ferry at this time.’ I thought, ‘I can do that.’”

She believes the meeting was attended by people who wouldn’t normally go to environmental protests.

“It felt really like a huge ‘Stand up and take notice’ kind of message for the government,” said Little.

Local musical celebrities Randy Bachman and Denise McCann Bachman attended the meeting and wrote a protest letter to the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection (MWLAP).

“Not only do we think the ministry should deny this



Crofton mill as seen from Vesuvius

Photo by Derrick Lundy

application, but we believe the time has come and past to shut the Crofton operation down permanently,” they wrote.

“It is simply intolerable that such a huge source of daily air and water pollution continues to operate in these enlightened times and in such a pristine and highly populated area.”

They argue that the government will hear “more and more from an angry public” who paid top dollar to live in paradise.

“We will never rest until Crofton pulp mill is closed down permanently.”

Crofton Airshed Citizens Group spokesperson Michael Ableman also made demands of MWLAP.

“The air and water belongs to all of us. No one company has the right to hijack that away from us.”

He believes the MWLAP needs to act under the guidance of a precautionary principle that demands action in the

absence of scientific certainty.

“In this context, Norske, who is the proponent of a polluting activity, rather than the public, should bear the burden of proof.”

His phone has not stopped ringing since he first got involved in the campaign two months ago.

“As citizens, we have to do the job the government is supposed to do.”

He wrote to MWLAP minister Joyce Murray to request a denial of the fuels trial, a full investigation of the Crofton mill, a baseline study of air and water quality around the region, establishment of ambient air testing stations in the airshed and an independently managed toll-free hotline for citizens to report complaints.

“We will consider all the input in making our decisions,” said MWLAP pollution control officer Bernard Bintner.

There is no deadline to the application process, he said.

“We’ll be taking comments until we are able to make a decision.”

A decision doesn’t usually string out to years but could

still take several months, he said.

“We’ll be getting more scientific information from the company.”

MWLAP already operates on a precautionary principle, Bintner said.

“What our guys are thinking of is protection of the environment and public health; that’s what guides our thinking.”

NorskeCanada does not intend to make a rash decision, said vice president of Crofton Operations Don McKendrick.

“We’re going to take the time to pass forward this process and this application appropriately to be respectful of the community and the people we heard last week.”

The company will be collecting additional data from other mills. Port Alberni has been burning tire-derived fuels (TDFs) since 1999, Powell River has completed a trial process for TDFs in the last two years and Elk Falls is currently testing coal as an alternative fuel.

“It’s incumbent on us to take the data and present it in a manner that experts can understand and for the general public to understand it and be confident that we have a transparent process here.”

New trustee Lee offers hot-topic views

By PAT BURKETTE
Driftwood Contributor

Dan Lee is known around town as the man who always says yes, and when he was elected trustee at Monday’s by-election, he got some positive feedback of his own.

Lee is an experienced manager, with 105 employees year round and bumped up to 140 in summer.

Asked how he might deal with personnel disputes placed before the board during his term, Lee noted he sees the fire board as an advisory body, a last resort, with the fire chief and deputy chief initially handling disputes.

Fire chief Dave Enfield confirmed he established this chain of command procedure in 1999.

“Prior to that, I don’t think there was a procedure.”

Lee was willing to describe his own experience in dealing with employee issues that crop up in his work.

“If people don’t fit in or if something becomes unsatisfactory and it needs to be addressed, first I meet with them and ask them to be open and honest. I always say I’m the last one to know, but I don’t want to be the last one to know.”

Then an interim performance improvement plan is

made with the employee.

“We make a plan on how to improve performance and agree on a time line. Then we reassess if performance has improved. After a third reassessment, the employee stays or goes.”

When asked whether such a plan might have helped with the Bruce Patterson/Jeff Outerbridge dispute, Lee said he has been assured that type of process was followed in the department.

But former fire captain Jeff Outerbridge disagrees. “There was no notification of any issues with performance whatsoever. There was no problem-solving process.”

On recently raised concerns about Fulford fire hall, Lee said, “Manning the Fulford fire hall full-time with one person is not a practical solution. When there’s a burning building, you need rapid intervention with four people immediately and within 10 minutes, you need four more. We need to get more south-end volunteers.”

On the upcoming hiring of Salt Spring’s fifth career firefighter, Lee said, “Hiring another person will contribute to fire protection rather than firefighting.”

Mary Gillies, secretary of the South Salt Spring Island

Property Owners and Residents Association (SSIPORA), said in a phone interview following the group’s January 21 pre-election meeting that SSIPORA is looking for good communicators and accountability in new trustees.

She noted that south-enders’ request for a full-time firefighter at the Fulford fire hall is not about the way fires are fought. Rather, it’s about the way in which the community went from a perceived satisfactory situation to a perceived unsatisfactory situation.

“The trustees need to know who their customers are and they need to serve them,” said Gillies.

She stressed that no one is questioning the abilities of the island’s dedicated firefighters.

“Our concerns are with management,” said Gillies.

She explained that the Fulford firehall status is a visible thing that has changed, and south-end residents are questioning the trustees’ decision which precipitated that change, regardless of the fact that firefighters will be dispatched to the area if there is a fire.

“If you drove by the main hall in Ganges and saw that it was always sitting empty with no one there, you’d be

worried. Every time you drive by the Fulford fire hall since Bruce and Jeff were fired, there’s no one there. Before you saw some action. You saw someone there taking care of business.

It does not give you a warm and fuzzy feeling that they’re dealing with our tax dollars properly when it comes to management of personnel issues that affect service. It makes you feel that the service you were getting isn’t there.”

Gillies said the Patterson/Outerbridge dismissals were a “trigger issue That issue has made everyone aware that something has to be done.”

Gillies felt the firings illustrated questionable management procedures.

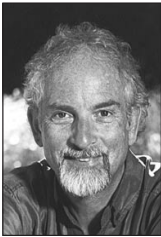
“In a management situation, you need to go through proper procedures, writing up an employee at each step. No due diligence was done.”

She summed up SSIPORA’s call for accountability from the Salt Spring fire district’s elected officials.

“What we’re trying to do is get a more transparent communication flow, and understand policy and management decisions taken on our behalf.”



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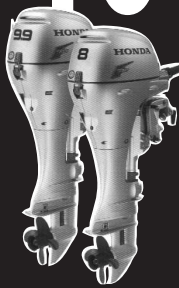
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Trustee by-election marked by confusing eligibility demands

By **PAT BURKETTE**
Driftwood Contributor

A highly formalized voting process and lack of clarity in a fire district special meeting ad caused some confusion at Monday night's trustee by-election.

Resident Carol Scott expressed dismay at the entrance to the polling area when election head Tom David said she'd need some identification.

"I wish we had been told ahead of time that we would need it," said Scott.

David waved Scott inside, noting that if she was personally recognizable to his returning officers, who took her affidavit, ID might not be necessary.

As well, there were questions about a discrepancy between an ad placed by the fire district in the January 21 Driftwood, and voting requirements at the election.

The ad text — which was identical to the original copy sent to the paper by fax on January 19 and approved by fax the following day — stated that "to be eligible to vote, a person must be 18 years of age or older, AND entitled to be registered as a voter under the "Provincial Elections Act" AND an owner of land in the Salt Spring Fire Improvement District, OR their spouse, AND under the protection of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District."

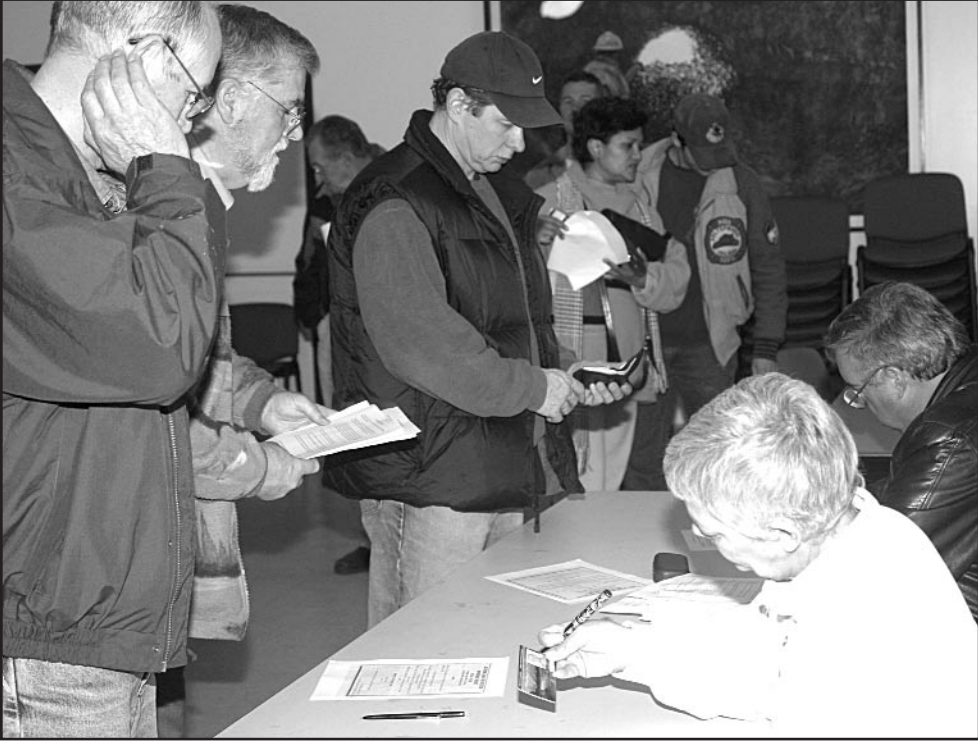
But inside the fire hall, only those actually named on a property title were allowed to vote. Resident Richard Kerr felt the ad meant only one spouse per property could vote, even if both were on title.

"I took it to mean that if two people owned a single property, only one could vote."

Kerr and spouse Janice McLean both voted, but they own two properties.

Fire board trustee Michael Schubart was lined up in the polling area, waiting to get his ballot, but left the line when David shouted out requirements to the assembled crowd. Schubart, whose wife's name is on their property's title, said he planned to vote as a spouse, as indicated in the Driftwood ad.

Schubart confirmed by phone following the election that he had indeed assumed he could vote as a spouse of a landowner.



VOTER LINE-UP: Voters in Monday's night's fire trustee by-election line up to prove eligibility before casting their ballots.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Asked if there seemed to be some voter confusion about the ad vs. actual requirements, Schubart said, "I think that would be a fair statement."

When the discrepancy between the ad and actual requirements was pointed out to board chair Ben Martens, and he was asked whether that could call election results into question, Martens said, "I don't think so. It's a typographical thing."

Islanders arriving at the firehall not only had to be prepared for paperwork, but had to know who they wanted to vote for.

No platforms were presented by candidates Lee and Hinds at the by-election or any previous informational meeting organized by the fire board.

The South Salt Spring Property Owners and Residents Association (SSIPORA) organized its own meeting at Fulford Hall on January 22, attracting a capacity audience of about 75 people to question candidates.

Martens noted that a presentation of platforms has not been usual at the publicly funded board's elections but if a member of the public had asked to question candidates, that request would have been fulfilled.

He said there simply hasn't been past public interest in the fire department to prompt a call for candidate platforms.

"In my 18 years on the board I don't think I've ever seen more than 40 people attend the AGM. The majority of those attending have been firefighters."

Firefighters and spouses were out in force for Monday's by-election as well. Interest in community involvement and response to issues in the news attracted many first-time voters.

"We were disturbed at the politics in the last six months," said Susan Huber.

Normally, trustee elections are held at the fire district's AGM, but the resignation of Murray Henderson in September 2003 left an empty seat on the fire board, precipitating Monday's by-election.

Henderson confirmed in a telephone interview that he resigned over last summer's dismissal of Captains Bruce Patterson and Jeff Outerbridge, calling for an independent mediator to resolve the issue.

Lee's nomination was put forward by fire board trustee Hans Hazenboom, and seconded by Jamie Holmes, a professional firefighter.

Hinds' nomination was forwarded by Jim Buckley, a volunteer firefighter, and seconded by south-end resident Ken Lee (who is not related to Dan Lee).

Dan Lee's term expires at the annual general meeting in 2006.

Lee ran unsuccessfully

for a trustee position six years ago.

He said islanders should know, "I will be there. I'm pretty visible and encourage people to talk to me."



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Park-use insurance demanded

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

The hefty appetite of North American litigation fears has made its way to Salt Spring parks, but how much cash it will consume is still to be determined.

Parks and Rec Commission members and people from a few community groups heard Monday night that insurance is now a must for any public event-oriented use of a park under Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) jurisdiction.

But if PARC's parent, the Capital Regional District (CRD), implements an insurance partnership program, it should substantially reduce the cost.

Controversy arose in December when groups organizing the annual 20-minute anti-violence candlelight vigil in Centennial Park learned they needed to fork out up to \$150 for insurance — unless PARC agreed to be a co-sponsor.

According to CRD risk department expert Chris

Grelson, insurance for a "low risk" event in the park should cost only \$25 under a proposed CRD insurance scheme.

"If we put in the program, the cost will be less than what you will get if you buy a one-off policy from your insurance company," said Grelson.

The CRD would create a list of what constitutes low, medium and high-risk events, with corresponding fees.

Grelson said a program could be in place within six weeks.

While meeting attendees marvelled at what they called an insurance industry "cash grab" and a ridiculous level of litigation paranoia, Grelson stressed the need for insurance protection.

"The fact is, events do occur. Incidents do occur. From a corporate perspective, we have a responsibility to the citizens of the CRD to control the losses where we can."

Grelson explained that because of B.C.'s joint and several liability laws, PARC

could not elude being involved in potential suits, even if courts determined PARC was not directly responsible for an accident.

"If PARC is deemed to be one per cent liable, then the CRD could be responsible for paying all the costs and then collecting the money from others."

PARC commissioner Mark Haughey said that protecting event organizers from being sued should be seen in a positive light.

"If you're in an organization, and some freak thing happens, you could be personally bankrupt over it."

Marv Coulthard of the Salt Spring Antique and Classic Car Club said he felt good about Monday's meeting, adding that he is well aware of his club's need to have insurance for a Canada Day car show set for Centennial Park. Up to 130 vehicles from B.C. and the Pacific Northwest states could attend, he said.

He was pleased with the meeting and the CRD propos-

al to have joint insurance coverage for small community groups.

"If we can come under the umbrella for that I'm sure it is going to be cheaper for us. It's nice to have those options for small, non-financed groups like ourselves where we have to come up with some bucks ahead of time before the show."

PARC operations manager Dave Gibbon estimated more than half of the 50-odd renters of Salt Spring parks last year had their own insurance.

What would trigger need for an insurance policy has not yet been firmly determined, but it will likely be any case where people have been invited to watch or participate in an activity.

Grelson predicted the bureaucracy and costs involved to administer the insurance program would be minimal.

"With all due respect," said PARC chair Bill Curtin, "that's what the [federal government] gun control people said."

PARC (informally) touts outdoor pool

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) members weren't quite ready to make a pool facility recommendation Monday night, but dove towards supporting a multi-pronged, mainly outdoor option outlined in a recent survey.

In a verbal summary of a not-quite-completed written report, Alix Granger of PARC's new facility development group said analysis of public survey results and various financial information showed PARC could probably manage building and operating a six-lane outdoor pool that may be covered in future, along with a "zero-beach" outdoor area, indoor therapeutic pool and associated amenities.

"A tax increase of \$51 would be supported by the majority," said Granger, referring to recently released

survey results.

With the ability to fund a \$2.2-million capital project, she said, "I think we should go to voters asking for approval of a 15-year debt issue."

But no formal motion to that effect was made at the meeting.

Granger explained that part of the \$51 would come from a tax hike of \$92,000 already scheduled for the 2004 budget. That part does not require a referendum, since PARC has always had the authority to tax more than it has in the past.

Commissioner Wayne Fraser, who is also in the new facility development group, felt PARC should inform the public of its conclusions.

"Why not put a position out there now?" he asked. "We throw it out there and they question us on it and debate us on it."

Fraser said islanders should be told "this is what we can

support, and it's what our finances can support."

But regional director Gary Holman cautioned against alienating the Ssplash indoor pool society or shutting down other options.

"If you're presenting this as 'OK, the commission has made up its mind,' I think it's going to be problematic," he said.

Holman said the financial numbers for various options had not been thoroughly examined. Granger countered that the possibility of Ssplash getting a major infrastructure grant or running the pool with volunteers — which would cut down on the required funds from taxpayers — was just not realistic.

"We're not giving them a million and a half dollars and we're not guaranteeing their operating deficits and we're not signing over ownership . . ." she said.

Commissioner Scott Howe said he felt PARC should "take some leadership on this . . ."

At the same time he said, "I do agree there is a presentation issue here and we don't want to alienate any groups."

Urging Ssplash to continue fundraising so an outdoor pool could be covered was one suggestion made.

PARC has a meeting with Ssplash scheduled for next week. Some commissioners wondered if reps from other groups with an interest in the Rainbow Road property should also be invited.

In addition to wrangling about how next to proceed, Holman was chastised by Granger, Fraser and commissioner Peter Lake for directing Capital Regional District (CRD) finance department staff to move the \$92,000 tax increase into a special "continuous supplementary" fund rather than making it easily accessible to PARC.

It was only while working on their pool facility budget plans that they discovered the accounting change had been made.

They felt work on their report was wasted because of the change.

Holman explained the move, noting he has stated publicly he supports PARC's request for a \$92,000 increase in its annual requisition through property taxes only if the funds were "earmarked" for the Rainbow Road recreation site and the recent pool survey showed willingness to pay for it.

"As an elected official I feel I have a stronger responsibility to the taxpayer," said Holman, "and I also have responsibility to work with the commission."

He also said he thought CRD staff had informed PARC operations manager Dave Gibbon about the change.

As a result of the conflict, PARC passed a resolution that any CRD Finance accounting change should not be done without the prior consent of PARC.

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FINE FEATHERED FRIENDS: These pigeons know a friend when they see one as they hop right into Gord Cudmore's outstretched hand as he offers up pigeon fare in Ganges.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Trust chair David Essig says renewal is still alive

Islands Trust governance renewal is not “dead,” said Islands Trust chair David Essig at a public meeting Thursday.

Addressing those at the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meeting, Essig said Islands Trust governance renewal plans were still “a top priority of Trust Council.”

He restated council's commitment to further investigate taking on three powers currently held by provincial or regional district agencies, to pursue better service delivery coordination with regional districts and enhanced relations with First Nations.

“We still look forward to a day when we can provide a more consistent form of government than we now have.”

Essig was responding to reports from the December Trust Council meeting, where long-time Trust executive director Gordon McIntosh, making his last council address after resigning his position, had declared Trust renewal “dead.”

Salt Spring trustees Eric Booth and Kimberly Lineger also felt that formal rejection of a particular tax equity model signalled council's unwillingness to reduce the subsidy larger islands pay for planning services to small Trust islands.

“Abandonment of that one particular model did not mean abandoning the whole thing,” said Essig.

He said the Trust executive committee — consisting of himself and three vice-

chairs — intends to bring the subject of tax equity back to council when it meets on Hornby Island in March.

“We want to have a ‘principal-based’ discussion and then look at real dollar options,” he said.

New financial models could be looked at for next year's budget, said Essig.

Following the meeting, trustee Lineger said the executive committee plans were news to her.

Those were explained further in a conference call with Essig and others on Tuesday afternoon, she said, but several questions still remain.

The outcome of Trust Council discussions in March will be critical, said Lineger.

Coell peeks at seniors facility plans

Greenwoods Society board members shared their plans, needs and achievements with local MLA Murray Coell during an elder-care meeting Thursday.

“It was a very pleasant and informational meeting,” said Gulf Islands Intermediate Care Society (GIICS) chair Donald Hartwig.

The meeting's key purpose was to give the Saanich-North and the Islands MLA an update on plans to build a 30-unit assisted-living facility on

property next to the current Greenwoods site, Hartwig said.

“The purpose of the meeting wasn't to make demands.”

The project, estimated to cost \$3-4 million, would see the GIICS working with the Capital Regional District, the Vancouver Island Health Authority, B.C. Housing and Independent Living B.C.

“This will be 30 new spaces for people who are not able to live in their homes,” Hartwig said.

“For this island, this will be a major project.”

In addition to plans for the proposed new facility, GIICS board members informed Coell about ongoing successful community programs offered through Greenwoods and updated him about the increased level of care required for Greenwoods residents.

“We also told him about the shortage of nurses, particularly in the area of geriatrics, and the need for more training of nurses.”

Hartwig hopes to learn the timeline for the intermediate care facility project within the next week.

Court favours smaller classes

Bulging island classrooms might find relief from overcrowding after the B.C. Supreme Court ruled Thursday in favour of provisions removed from the teachers' contract.

“We should rejoice that class composition and class-size provisions have been protected,” said Gulf Islands Teachers' Association president Jean Claude Levesque.

Schools in the province saw many class composition and class-size provisions vanish after the B.C. Liberal government passed the Public Education Flexibility and Choice Act (Bill 28) in January 2002.

Removing provisions for the quality of education “was a terrible blow” to public schools, said Levesque.

“It's nice to hear that the Supreme Court agrees with us on this one.”

The B.C. Supreme Court ruled against arbitrator Bill Rice's determination to delete many provisions from the collective agreement between B.C. teachers and the employers' association.

“The judge said the arbitrator had cut a lot more from existing collective agreements, under Bill 28, than the law actually allowed. It was a gross exaggeration of the law. The whole thing had to be tossed out.”

Levesque insists the government return to the provisions in the previous collective agreement.

But he pointed out the government can still appeal the court ruling or force another stripping arbitration.

“Their agenda is to weaken, if not completely destroy, public education in this province. We fully expect them to do something contrary to what's good for public education. And the game is played on.”

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Trust approves memberships to Atkin Commons pool

Eager indoor swimmers may be lining up at Atkins Common after the Ganges strata development received local Trust committee (LTC) approval Thursday to sell pool memberships on a temporary basis.

A two-year temporary use permit was required from the LTC before 80 club memberships are sold.

“The pool facility is a common amenity of the development and will be fully utilized by strata owners once the development is complete,” notes a Trust staff report.

“In the interim period, the strata corporation wishes to optimize the use of the facility by offering approximately 80 club memberships to the general public.”

On a related matter, trustees also reconfirmed that Atkins Common Developments Ltd. is committed to a cash-in-lieu parkland dedication of \$50,000, payable to the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission.

Payments will be made in instalments as each phase of the building strata is registered.

- Thursday’s local Trust committee meeting saw Judi Stevenson and Sheila Harrington accept the gleaming hardware marking the 2003 Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award granted to the Salish

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Sea Mapping Project.

Stevenson and Harrington thanked the Trust for the award on behalf of everyone involved on all participating islands, and reported progress with a project to see the acclaimed exhibit in atlas form.

The Georgia Basin Action Plan has recently committed \$20,000 to the atlas.

“Hopefully by Christmas you will have a book,” said Harrington.

Trust Council announced the award last September.

- The LTC heard delega-

tions from two neighbourhood groups, one fighting proposed and ongoing Stewart Road quarry operations, and another opposed to a density transfer rezoning concept for Isabella Point.

Christine Tate and Joyce Campbell of the Stewart Road Residents Association pressed for clarification on a number of issues regarding Salt Spring Rock Products activities in their neighbourhood.

Company representative Larry Bader has not yet scheduled the public meeting required before the quarry application can proceed, said trustee Kimberly Lineger.

Representing the Isabella Point Road Residents Association, Kate McEwen outlined opposition to a proposed rezoning bylaw that would transfer four densities from the Mount Erskine area to an Isabella Point property.

- First Nations interests in a natural Houston Passage clam bed resulted in deferral of a dock permit decision by the LTC.

Trustees and staff said environmental concerns about a dock being constructed by upland property owners Roger and Jeanette Glazer — who already have the required Crown foreshore lease — were not applicable in this case.

“It’s not so much an environmental issue,” said trustee

Kimberly Lineger. “It’s because we are in treaty negotiations with the Hul’qumi’num Treaty Group.”

- Ending up with building footings mere inches into a setback cost property owner Rick Laing ample frustration and \$650 in a Trust variance permit fee.

Laing noted the irony of the Trust being unable to control logging on private lands, which resulted in the loss of an historic trail on lands in his neighbourhood last fall, while enforcing minuscule discrepancies in a building siting.

“You have all these important issues to deal with . . . and I get dragged through this process.”

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Coffers swell with foundation grants

Twelve island groups representing people of all ages benefitted from \$28,000 worth of grants recently handed out by the Salt Spring Island Foundation.

This brings the foundation’s total distribution of funds to \$42,000 in 2003.

The foundation issues grants twice a year, supporting a wide range of community organizations. The next closing date for grant application submissions is April 30.

Grants are issued only to organizations able to issue income tax receipts. These are usually registered charities, but a number of government agencies (such as some schools) also qualify.

Approved grants are usually for capital expenses, not for ongoing operating costs, conferences, or travel.

Further information about the foundation can be obtained from executive assistant Ruth Pepin at 538-1939 or Bob Rush at 537-2501.

The latest grants, issued in December, were given to the following organizations:

- ArtSpring — a grant for the purchase of materials in conjunction with ArtSpring’s upcoming fifth anniversary celebration. ArtSpring is the island’s performing and visual arts center.
- CNIB (Canadian National Institute for the Blind) — a grant for the CNIB’s Talking Books program. Talking Books benefit people with visual impairments. This grant honours the wishes of one of the foundation’s major donors, who has lost his vision and who greatly appreciates the availability of Talking Books at the Mary Hawkins Library.
- Core Inn Youth Project Society — a grant toward the purchase of hockey equipment for the Core Inn’s youth sports program. The foundation’s grant was matched by funding from the players themselves.
- Farmers Institute — a grant towards construction of the Farmers Institute’s new building, which will be used for exhibition purposes at the fall fair and for much-needed storage the rest of the year.
- Fulford Elementary School — a grant for the purchase of wireless, FM-surround sound systems for two classrooms. These sound systems will improve the learning environment of


all students in the classrooms, although they are designed primarily for the benefit of students who have attention, learning, or auditory processing difficulties.

- Meadowbrook Seniors’ Residence — a grant for furnishings for Meadowbrook’s dining room. Meadowbrook is the new 38-unit supportive living project for seniors, which opened just last year.
- Park, Arts, and Recreation Commission — a grant to help with the purchase of CSA-approved helmets for middle school students under the Helmets for Life program for cyclists. This program is conducted by Islands Pathways.
- SSI Conservancy — a grant for the purchase of a photocopier for the office as well as a computer monitor to assist with the Conservancy’s land stewardship program. The Conservancy is dedicated to preserving and restoring the natural environment of the island through educational and stewardship programs, as well as through the covenanting and purchase of key areas of land.
- SSI Middle School — a

grant towards the costs of the middle school’s proposed bouldering wall. (A bouldering wall is similar to a climbing wall, except that its height is limited to eight feet and no equipment other than helmets and running shoes is required.) This grant was conditional on the school being able to raise the balance of the funding required for the completion of this wall.

- SSI Community Services Society for the RCMP Victim Assistance Program — a grant to supplement the legal aid program. This will be a L.E.A.D. grant, provided through the Vancouver Foundation, but administered by the Salt Spring Island Foundation.
- Stagecoach Theatre School Society — a grant for the purchase of books, scripts, and musical scores to enhance the society’s library collection. The society provides training in the theatre arts to 11- to 15-year-old students on the island.
- Transition House — a grant for replacement windows to address safety and privacy concerns. Transition House, operated by the Gulf Islands Women’s Resource Network, provides temporary shelter for women and children who are seeking safety from violence and abuse.

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Legendary former islander, Valcourt, dies at 74

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Islanders might recall Yvette Valcourt as a straight-shooting politician from the early 1980s.

But she could be better remembered as a patient mother who helped guide her family, business and community with common sense and compassion.

Valcourt died at home in Sooke on January 17 at the age of 74.

“She was an amazing woman,” said daughter Joanne. “She had to be to put up with us and fight the big-shots on the island.”

Yvette was the mother of 10 children, the wife and business partner of her husband Philias and served as Salt Spring’s regional director on the Capital Regional District (CRD) board from 1979 to 1983 during the highly controversial Ganges Sewer debate.

“The sewer was one of the reasons why mom got into it. She didn’t think it was fair for the whole island to pay for the expansion of Ganges,” said her son Michel.

“She fought for all the little guys who weren’t getting a fair shake.”

A political cartoon by Adrian Raeside captures Yvette’s personality from her term in office. It shows a larger-than-life woman with a six-shooter and 10-gallon hat banging on the door of a CRD office whilst suited men scramble out doors and windows.

Joanne and Michel both agree with the cartoon image of their mother.

“She spoke straight, she did her homework and she had them running. She was

here to clean up the town,” Joanne said. “Mom wasn’t against the sewer. She didn’t want something that wouldn’t work.”

Yvette simply wanted to see the job done right and she believed in a user-pay system, Joanne said.

But the highly volatile issue brought threats against the Valcourt family and even resulted in the arrest of Yvette’s son Jean-Marc when he was suspected of arson that destroyed a \$250,000 barge load of sewer outfall pipe in the harbour.

Charges against Jean-Marc were dropped but threats continued against the Valcourt family and Yvette did not return to a second term of office.

“It might seem longer because so many people wanted to get rid of her,” Joanne said.

Yvette and the Valcourt children first moved to Salt Spring in 1964, following her husband Phil who arrived in 1959. They lived at Mansell Farm until 1967 and ran a portable sawmill in Fulford Valley and at Robinson Road.

They moved to Park Drive and went on to build a lumber yard and hardware store on Lower Ganges Road, develop Upper Ganges Centre and start the complex where Ganges Village Market now sits.

“That was the first time there was that kind of major construction on the island,” Michel said.

Dagwood’s restaurant was the original lumber-yard office.

“We all had to work there because someone had to baby-sit us. Mom used to



MOTHER AND POLITICIAN: CRD director from 1979-1983, Yvette Valcourt died at age 74 on January 17. She is shown with her husband Philias on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary in 1992.

Photo contributed

say, ‘Work is the best babysitter there is,’” Joanne laughed.

During 54 years of marriage, Yvette was the book-keeper for the business and still managed all the cooking and baking for the family, Michel noted.

“She could take anything and make a meal out of it,” Michel said.

She would bake and can preserves after the kids had gone to bed and he remembers staying up late to pilfer the goodies.

Yvette had her own way of setting a curfew when the children were older.

“She didn’t wait up for

us, she set an alarm clock in the bathroom and we had to be home to turn it off,” Joanne laughed.

She was also patient and calm in her discipline with the kids.

“We could never figure out how she had such a good memory but she had it all written down in the bedroom.”

There was a 17-year span between the siblings, so Joanne’s little brother Victor was only two when she was pregnant.

“I told Mom I was in labour and she said, ‘Try to get some sleep Honey and call me later.’”

With 10 kids in the house, there was always a guest at dinners and the family went on to adopt an 11th child when a teenage friend had troubles at home.

“Mom was always one to help people,” Michel said. Joanne remembers

Christmas meals commonly numbering 50-60. Yvette had 30 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren alone.

“Her idea of a night on the town was to go out bowling or go to the Schwaglys to play cards,” said Michel.

Yvette was born to a family of 18 children herself in the Peace River district of Alberta in 1929.

Before she met her husband, Yvette trained as a nurse in a convent school. The couple moved to a three-acre property in Langford in 1948.

The Valcourts moved back to Vancouver Island when they lost their island business to creditors after interest rates skyrocketed in the mid 1980s.

Yvette was predeceased by Phil in 2001 and her son Pierre, who died when he was 21.

Top bowlers named

High scores in bowling league play last week were as follows.

Monday, January 19 Circus League: Brian Radford, 203; Gwyn Strike, 220; Harold Repen, 200, 232.

Tuesday, January 13 a.m. Seniors: Jim Glenn, 204.

Tuesday, January 20 a.m. Seniors: Marg Baker, 226; Jim Glenn, 223; Marg Peters, 221; Cliff Jory, 201.

Wednesday, January 21 Special Olympics: Carlos Manzano, 203; Jason Newport, 276; Jim Beck 147; Andrew Krizan, 146; Sharon Way, 181.

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Risky business

These days it seems few activities are not considered risky. Between local government concerns about being sued by a person injured in a park and the provincial government's worry that a steak meal could prove unsafe, we are being bombarded by attempts to protect us from potential danger. In one case the worries have validity, but not in the other. Regional governments do have a responsibility to not lay themselves and the citizenry they represent open to expensive lawsuits — ridiculous or otherwise. And while small community groups should not be saddled with a \$150 insurance bill for 30 minutes of low-risk activity in a public park, insisting on some form of hopefully more affordable insurance is not unreasonable. For Salt Spring this appears to be happening through the efforts of the Capital Regional District. But in contrast, proposed provincial regulations that would force government inspection of all farm animals before and after slaughter are simply unworkable for Gulf Islands farmers.

Once again, geography rules, along with the reality of rural agricultural practices. No formal slaughtering facilities currently exist on the islands, which means all animals would have to be shipped off-island, causing significant additional expense. As well, proposed regulations could maim farm gate sales, which are critical for local farmers' income. Affected farmers have pointed out the Food Safety Act permits exceptions to regulations, and that option should be explored. If the new inspection rules must go ahead — and even that is debatable since it's clear governments have gone mad over even a hint of mad cow disease — Gulf Islands farmers should be exempted. Islanders are a brave lot and don't need 100 per cent protection around the dinner table, after they've come home from the park.

Salt Spring must face potential water woes

By RANDY BACHMAN
"Attention: Do not drink your tap water! Our water has been polluted by a fuel spill and human consumption is prohibited indefinitely."
How would you like to see this posted one day? It could happen here.
I live on Salt Spring Island and travel the world. I know there are many other residents that do the same for business and pleasure. I'm sure they would echo my opinion in this letter.
While recently returning to Salt Spring I was fortunate enough to share the plane ride with Sam Graci. Later that week I walked into Moby's and was invited to share a table with Jed Wilson.
These men travel as extensively as I. Our conversations at those meetings drifted to the subject of water: what a precious commodity it is and how in future years wars will be fought over it.
It is one of the three essentials of life— oxygen, water, food.
One of the reasons I chose Salt Spring Island when deciding where I wanted to live was the relative abundance of potable water. This island is blessed with many lakes that nourish us and keep us alive. Many of the other islands have to collect rainwater, or import and ration drinking water.
Each year I write a letter to the Driftwood, addressing the people of the island to recog-

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nize an ongoing danger to our drinking water supply with the landing and taking off of float planes on our lakes, specifically St. Mary Lake.
In the next issue there's usually a letter addressed back to me telling me it's no big deal — blah, blah, blah.
Well, let me finally say to those rebuttal letters — how dare you endanger our drinking water.
There is a bylaw stating no gas engines allowed on the boats using our lake. By definition anything that floats is a boat. A floatplane is therefore classed as a boat the minute it lands. Common sense would therefore dictate no float planes be allowed on our reservoir lakes.
Wouldn't it be a great scenario if when a plane landed on one of our lakes, we could call the RCMP with the plane's numbers and have a ticket written for a heavy fine that would be mailed to the plane's owner, stating the time and place of the incident and the fine?
Each additional infraction would be an increased fine. What do we have to do to make our bylaw a real law with a stated penalty so it can be stringently enforced? Let's do it.
Currently in the world mar-

ket a bottle of drinking water costs more than a bottle of gasoline. Soon it will double in price. Wars have been fought over the world's petroleum supply and it won't be long until they are fought over water.
I was in New York City at the Marriott Hotel Times Square on 9/11 when the World Trade Center was bombed.
After sitting there stunned for several hours watching the ongoing drama play out, we were called by the people at the desk, who said the restaurants were closed, there was no room service and the water supply might be shut off.
I immediately went down to a corner store and bought the last six big bottles of water, a few apples and some crackers. That's all that was left in the store. The water was the most precious thing I had at that moment.
In last week's Driftwood there was a story of spilled oil near St. Mary Lake and the efforts — which are to be applauded — by the fire department and water committee to contain it and not let it pollute our drinking water supply.
In the previous week's Driftwood there was an article by the North Salt Spring Waterworks District talking about the water quality and volume in the lake.
With the pushing through of big housing developments like Channel Ridge putting further

demands on our water supply, it again raises the issue of the amount of people the island can supply water to and the quality of this water.
I know that during the summer, the lake level goes way down and our water tastes "lakey." We even see suds floating around at the edges of the lake which means someone somewhere is putting water from laundry or dishwater into the lake.
This is pollution. During the summer months we have to buy bottled water to drink because the taste of the lake water is so foul.
I appreciate every drink of water I take and curse every plane that lands on the lake.
One day there will be an accident, a spill of aviation fuel or oil and then it will be too late. I've heard proponents of planes on the lake say that a little spill won't hurt anything. Are they kidding? Let them take their favorite beverage and add a few drops of aviation fuel to it every time they have a drink and then let's see what they say.
I would urge everyone who lives on any of our lakes to take a serious look at their septic tanks/fields and the other run-offs from their property to the lake. Many who have bought property on the lake don't even know how the septic or other drainage works.
Might I suggest a "water committee," which schedules a visit to every property on every

lake to check the septic and run-off systems. If they find a problem, the property owner could then be given a reasonable time limit to rectify the problem.
This is step one.
Step two would be some stronger restating of electric motors only bylaw on the lakes to include planes in more specific wording and with some penalties involved for infraction. If we all pull together as a community, we can work towards keeping our drinking water clean and pure for ourselves and future generations.
We have chosen to live here in this paradise and must work together now to prevent it being a fool's paradise.
We can't kid ourselves any longer. The facts are staring us in the face. We need to look ahead for ourselves and future generations.
The most precious gift we can give each other is dedicated service in working towards achieving pure water, air and soil.
We have two huge obstacles before us: the Crofton Mill fiasco and protection of our lakes and drinking water. Without these problems worked at, and worked out properly, life as we know it on this island will slowly die.
Thanks in advance for your thoughts and actions on this.
The writer is a Salt Spring musician and lakefront homeowner.

Letters
policy

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 400 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a

telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication.

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WITH JOHN POTTINGER
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SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *Are you concerned about plans to burn tires, coal and railway ties at the Crofton pulp mill?*



Ellen Ross-MacLean

I'm horrified. Everyone knows those things are bad for us. I don't want to breathe that stuff... My 13-year-old daughter is studying this at school and she told me, "Mom, we have to move if they do this."



Marsha Goldberg

Big time. It's like trading one set of pollutants for another. It's beyond logic... If they are losing that much money [that they need to burn alternative fuels for savings], why don't they close it?



Rosemary Roemer

I certainly do. We've just about had enough of the emissions we have now and they certainly don't need to add to it... We came here for the clean air.



Jan Dunn

Yes, I think they should have to provide better results from previous testing before they are allowed to go ahead. I would just really like to know if this plan is an improvement.



Mik Lovering

Yeah, of course. There's got to be a better way to get rid of these things. If you look at what Joyce Murray says, I heard her called, 'the Minister of Water, Land and Air Pollution.' If they let them do that, it seems to run against everything they stand for.

Letters to the Editor

Reform response

In light of Premier Campbell's welfare reform policies, we are but a few months away from the April 1st deadline.

This date will see benefits cut to all those deemed employable if they have been on welfare for the past 24 months.

Please keep in mind that the term "employable," in this case, includes single parents with children over the age of three and people with disabilities who have been unable to get permanent or semi-permanent disability exemptions.

Please also keep in mind that it is difficult for these "employables" to find work in a province that is cutting its jobs as fast as it is cutting its trees and social programs.

Let us also be aware that there is no public preschool or childcare system in our province and limited subsidized childcare.

So what does this mean to you? What will the implications be for Salt Spring Island? Is our community prepared?

Fortunately, thanks to

existing services on the island such as the food bank, various church programs, counselling services, and the creation of a new homeless shelter in town, as well as this community's many amazing people, there are some support systems already in place. But will this be enough?

I am hoping that as a community we can begin by thinking about some of these questions. I would love to meet and discuss these issues with anyone interested, whether they will be directly or indirectly affected by the reforms. Please respond by e-mail to carolyn@saltspring.com or by phone to 653-9196.

CAROLYN FLAM,
Salt Spring

Not credible

Probably there will be several letters here discussing the informative but frightening January 20 meeting at Crofton regarding pulp mill emissions, so we'll stick to one point that might not show up elsewhere.

In the question and answer period near the end of the meeting, Norske environmental representative Graham Kissack claimed

that during the strike a few years ago, which shut the mill down for many months, its emissions monitoring system reported almost no difference in air quality from the readings obtained during normal operations!

He probably hoped that we would assume from that that the mill's normal emissions are negligible. Of course, anyone who suffers headaches and difficulty breathing when the noxious clouds drift into their area knows better than that.

But what we find interesting about Mr. Kissack's statement is this: Norske is proposing a 30-month trial period for the new fuels during which they will test for increases or decreases in emissions. How credible will the testing be if they can't tell the difference between present emissions and a complete shutdown?

BILL and MAY HENDERSON,
Salt Spring

Shocked

I was at the meeting in Crofton last Tuesday night regarding the application that Norske Canada has made to our government that would allow them to burn

rubber tires and railway ties at the mill in Crofton.

I was so shocked to learn about what is already going out into the air from the mill! About 100 people walked on the ferry from Salt Spring to attend the meeting, and there were about 500 people there. It was really great to see so many people there to make their concerns known to the government.

If you are curious about what the mill is doing, check out this website that has been put together by the Crofton Airshed Citizen's Group: www.croftonair.org. At the bottom of the site, you will see the contact e-mails that I have also pasted below. If you feel compelled, please e-mail the following:

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Graham Kissack, graham.kissack@norskecanada.com; NorskeCanada Crofton Division, P.O. Box 70, Crofton, B.C., V0R 1R0; 250-246-6227.

SUZANNE LITTLE,
Dukes Road

Protest

It is certainly nice to have someone agree with me about the Channel Ridge development. This was in the In Depth article by Lloyd English in the January 14 Driftwood.

I'm hoping that people would think about the impact the Channel Ridge development would have and protest it. It won't be the first time protests have been effective on Salt Spring!

M. MIDDELBERG,
Calgary, Alberta

LTO needed

Non-aboriginal "involvement" in this part of the world is less than 150 years. August Sylvester, in his moving and pertinent December 17 article relating to Syuhe'mun (Walker Hook), wrote of listening to his elders when he was a boy.

This means that Mr. Sylvester, a Penelakut elder, learned from people who had themselves been brought up in the traditional ways in which their people had lived for thousands of years before European contact. In this way a present day elder's memory spans the mere

breath of time that is our own (non-aboriginal) short history here.

In the recent rally in front of the legislature to protest the closure of the 137-year-old Land Title Office (LTO) in Victoria, we listened to Robert Morales (Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group) and Eric Pelkey (Saanich Hereditary Chiefs). We learned that for treaty negotiations, First Nations often need documents filed in the LTO that described their settlements at the time of contact in order to prove that they were here at all! These documents are sensitive and of a nature that do not translate well into digital format.

Whatever one thinks about what has happened over the last 150 years (some would want to use the word "achieve"), the least we can now do is to support the First Nations people in some of their present day struggles — to protect their ancestors' remains at Syuhe'mun and to keep open the Land Title Office in Victoria.

JACQUELINE THOMAS,
King Road

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Pirates breaching Liberal ship could scuttle Campbell

The old saying that "you're known by the company you keep" has particular potency in British Columbia politics. Since W.A.C. Bennett, nearly every premier has fallen because they've failed to heed it.

The list of foolish and flawed premiers is long and growing, but their personal foibles aren't what bring them down. We forgive them their trespasses most generously, being good Canadians and all. In fact, we can like them more for being just like us in frayed-about-the-edges ways.

Trashing them personally is best kept private, however much trashing their policies and practices is fair game in the public arena. We're so blessedly un-American that way.

Watch out, though, if our hero gets caught hanging out with trash, or what is perceived as such. When the clowns and crud start sticking to the chief, then the qualms start and the crucifixion begins.

W.A.C. Bennett was savvy enough to keep the charlatans out of his House and home. Gagliardi was his wildest minister, but Reverend Phil could out-fox every fox and then some. After Dave Barrett's quick rise, radical reforms and electoral ousting for them, however, the story's been the same again and again.

Bennett the Younger got

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BY BRENDA GUALED



caught with some inside-trading buddies, and there went his market value. Bill Van der Zalm did some shady real estate deal in a backroom corridor and couldn't survive Fay Leung's shrill accusations ("I only got one lawyer, you got five lawyer!").

Rita What's-Her-Face doesn't count, because she wasn't elected premier, and she was essentially Molly Maid, brought in to clean up the mess so the party could start again.

Mike Harcourt got mixed up with a sticky-fingered

charity-fund associate and Bingo! he was out of the game.

Glen Clark had a joker in his deck looking for gambling favours, and winning in the courts came way after the political verdict was in. Hang 'im, he's got bums for friends.

Now we've had police raids on Gordon Campbell's high-rolling aides, something unspeakable to do with drugs and laundering money, followed by news of some dirty laundry in need of airing in the Ministry of Children and Family Development. While Minister Gordon Hogg stepping down and Deputy Minister Chris Haynes being sacked is completely unrelated to the other cleaning operation, it's

proof that Campbell's not too shrewd about whom to trust in the inner sanctum.

He may have been over a barrel, because the cause of the most recent furor, Doug Walls, is not only a former Liberal riding association president who allegedly took B.C. taxpayers for a \$400,000 ride, but is married to a cousin of the premier's wife Nancy. Campbell is undoubtedly nice to his cousin-in-law; his deputy minister appears to have extended the niceness to government favours; his minister resigned after being not-nice and bringing in the sniffer dogs. Well, it's complicated, isn't it?

Campbell seemed to be numb and dumb to how the raids of his fundraisers' offices might affect his

future, figuring that life's still a beach, so he might as well finish the Hawaiian holiday. Maybe as more pirates breach his ship, he'll review some relevant history and start to figure that he's sunk with them, whatever he does.

We know he's crazy about money and adores everyone who has it. There's some concern that he doesn't check very well to see how they got it, so official suspicion of exactly the same thing fits like hand to glove, like dog-do to blanket.

He may come up smelling of roses from this one, but the odds are daunting.

If not, he'll be in good company with Bill, Bill, Mike and Glen.

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Sasha

More letters

Check closet

I am writing this letter from Vietnam, where I recently visited a children’s hospital.

Today, more than a quarter of a century after the end of the American invasion, many children are still suffering life-crippling deformities — courtesy of the U.S. military’s use of chemical weapon “Agent Orange” (dioxin).

Every day the entire world is reminded of the 9/11 tragedy, and so it was. However, to give some historical perspective: 3,000 innocent American victims pale in comparison to 3,000,000 Vietnamese deaths — the large majority innocent civilians, including tens of thousands of children. The ratio is 1 to 1,000!

When searching for terrorists, America should first look into its own closet of history.

DAVID KOS,
Can Tho, Vietnam
(and Salt Spring)

Priorities

At the urging of Robert Osborne I watched the CBC’s Nature of Things show hosted by David Suzuki on January 21.

It was an amazing and difficult documentary to watch, as Stephen Lewis, the U.N.’s envoy for AIDS in Africa (and MacLean’s magazine’s Canadian of the Year for 2003) visits AIDS victims in Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya and South Africa. Heart-wrench-

ing scenes of dying mothers worried about who will look after their children.

There are already tens of thousands of innocent orphans, many with HIV and some suffering from full-blown AIDS.

All because pharmaceutical companies have yet to make the anti-viral drugs available free or at a very affordable price.

A few areas of hope but many with tears of despair.

What a contrast with the mostly male scene of jubilation, hugging, some close to tears of joy, at NASA headquarters with the landing of Opportunity on the surface of Mars.

Where in God’s name are our priorities? With one-tenth of the extravagant amount of money spent on hare-brained space exploration we would have the opportunity — a real one — to go a long way to solving the humanitarian AIDS crisis in Africa and elsewhere.

When peace, democracy, good health and no starvation are achieved on our own planet, then maybe, just maybe, the boys with their space toys could indulge their fantasies.

JACK C. HALLAM,
North End Road

Support

The Gulf Islands Women’s Resource Network would like to acknowledge the wonderful support the Salt

Spring Transition House has consistently received from the Salt Spring Island Foundation.

The foundation had supported the transition house a number of times since it opened its doors in 1995. Most recently, it donated \$4,000 to carry out upgrades on the transition house to improve the comfort, privacy and security of residents.

Seventy women and children stayed at the Salt Spring Transition House in 2003 for a total of 1,137 bed nights.

The Gulf Islands 24-Hour Crisis Line handled 317 crisis calls — a significant increase over the 221 calls of the previous year. Usage rates for both the house and the crisis line continue to climb steadily every year.

Our sincere thanks to the Salt Spring Island Foundation for its continued support of this much-needed community-based service.

NANCY A. BOYCE,
Salt Spring

Density debate

I am writing this letter in my capacity as president of the South Salt Spring Island Property Owners and Residents Association (SSSIPO&RA).

This organization has recently been reorganized to deal with a variety of community issues and concerns.

Density transfer is an issue that members raised at our AGM in November. Our

members include both those in favour of and those against the proposed density transfer application on the Isabella Point Road as a receiving site.

However, at our meeting, it was voted that we should express our concerns about the density transfer decision process itself.

In particular, we are concerned that the covenant made in 1981 on the Isabella Point property between the Ministry of Transportation and the property owner can be broken without any public discussion.

We suggest that the process for density transfer should include public discussion of the purpose and intent of any existing covenants on receiving properties.

In cases such as Isabella Point, there is one debate around the categorization of the existing covenant as “administrative” vs. “conservationist.”

This debate could be resolved if the receiving properties in the density transfer were given the same level of scrutiny re: environmental and social impact as the donor properties.

We believe that if such changes were implemented, and issues openly discussed, the density transfer process would have wider acceptance in the community.

We request written assurance that receiving properties will be afforded the same benefits of scrutiny and

public dialogue as donor properties.

JOAN INGRAM,
President, SSSIPO&RA

Support trend

Are we humans perhaps missing a message from Mother Nature?

From all sides we are being bombarded with suggestions and threats relative to our assumption of superiority and dominion over other life forms.

More and more often we are being informed about the obscenities of cattle feed lots, hog factory farms, veal production, fish farming, battery egg production and its by-product chicken, the attendant administering of chemicals and the final inhumane conditions and ultimate terror of the slaughterhouse.

We have inadvertently relegated ourselves to the category of carnivores, a life form we imagine is beneath us in the great evolutionary plan. How mistaken we are!

It is, however, heartening now to observe the move toward organic production of first, fruits and vegetables, and then to the more ethical and civilized “old-fashioned” handling of livestock.

Let us support this trend when we do our grocery shopping.

BETTY POOLE,
Salt Spring

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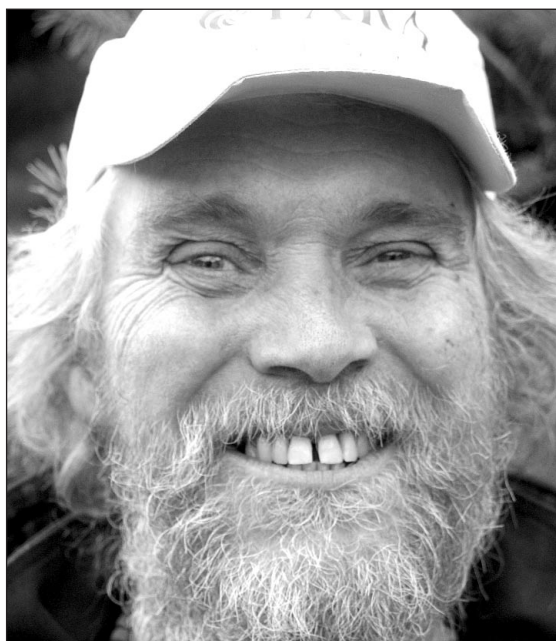
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Favourite read: Magister Ludi by Hesse.
Best thing about SSI: The sense of belonging here.
Worst thing about SSI: Summer crowds.
Best place to kiss on SSI?: The cheeks of dear friends.



DERRICK'S ISLAND PICS

More letters

Suckers

Thanks to Arthur Black for his January 21 column on the current fad of buying of drinking water.

Why will we spend money for the regular buying of water, which seldom exceeds the quality of tap water, instead of using that money to ensure watershed quality for our community water supply?

Are we the willing targets/suckers of the ad industry, as Black suggests, even if we're not ready to buy a snowball?

Thanks, Arthur.
EILEEN WTEWAALL,
 Sky Valley Road

Reconsidered

Good news: following last Tuesday's public meeting about NorskeCanada's air pollution problems from its Crofton pulp mill, North Cowichan municipal council voted unanimously to reconsider its original resolution stating it had no objection to Norske's application to burn tires, railway ties and coal in Crofton.

Now it will be interesting to see what our provincial

government will do to protect us and the environment from the pulp mill's pollution.

The minister of Water, Land and Air Protection, Joyce Murray, was not at the meeting. She needs to hear from us. You can reach her through the Inquiry BC number (1-800-663-7867) and by e-mail at joyce.murray.mla@leg.bc.ca.

Please send copies of your letters to Bernard Bintner — bernard.bintner@gems3.gov.bc.ca — who will be writing a report to the minister with recommendations about the mill's application to burn tires, railway ties and coal.
JAN SLAKOV,
 Deer Park Road

Stop fooling

Having received a 22 per cent increase in my property assessment to the point where it is rapidly approaching \$500,000, I have heard that I may no longer be eligible for the Home Owner's Grant.

Is this a fact?

If it is part of the macabre machinery of bureaucracy, would it not

be a great deal fairer to raise that figure annually on the cost-of-living index figure as a minimum increase so that we don't reach the point in this province where no property owner is eligible for the grant? Or maybe that is the intent?

I am certainly not against balancing the budget.

The end is admirable, however, the means and tempo are sincerely questioned by me.

Government ministers obfuscated a great deal in a cloud of political rationalization reinforced by a blinkered "bottom-line" mentality. I feel that a strong case could be made for false advertising in the "Liberal" label.

Perhaps they should all revert to "Conservative" at next year's election unless they still want to fool the electorate with wolf under a sheep's coat subterfuge.

"You can fool all the people some of the time, And some of the people all the time, But you can't fool all the people, all the time."

DENIS BROWNE,
 Mountain Road

RANTS & ROSES

RANTS

A rant to parents who let their children clamber disrespectfully over the memorial monument for firefighter Tony Head at Central fire hall. Tony devoted his life to serving islanders, with particular attention to helping youth. Parents and children could practise reverence at his memorial and reflect on their own involvement in the community.

To the mindless morons who dug up and stole (or destroyed) the second apple tree I've planted at the site of the fatal accident on Reynolds Road that killed my grandson and his girlfriend and injured two others. The intention was to provide people with apples — including you.

ROSES

A belated bouquet of holly for all the generous, kind and caring elves in this community who donated items to the Santa's Workshop this Christmas. My toddler received an abundance of wonderful, fun toys that lit him up like a Christmas tree!

Thank you and may you have a peaceful, joyful 2004.

Roses to Tracey Braiden for sharing treasured memories of the fall fair. You've made someone very happy.

Roses to Glenna from Isabella Point. Thank you for taking the time to put the found ad in the Driftwood. The native motif silver pin is very special to me as it was a Christmas gift from my grandson.

Roses to Eddie and the man with the dog that helped clean up the awful mess in front of the Transitions Thrift Store.

How soon we forget the snow! The JJM group deserves a bunch of roses each, and a big thank-you. They did their best to keep our roads open and safe for the public. Good job, guys!

A sweet winter rose to Robert Aston, who takes care to record the island's daily weather and write his reports in the paper.

Roses to the ferry worker in Crofton who personally came over to the Norske meeting to let Salt Spring Islanders know there would

not be an extra ferry that evening.

Belated roses to everyone involved in helping Tree Frog Daycare get fresh carpet. Thanks to Bernie Reynolds for cleaning it and Ganges Floor Covering for the installation — it was much appreciated!

Roses to Alice, Eugene, Donna, Gwynneth, Deanne, Irene, Louise, Rosalin, Tina, Jan and Eddie, and all the kind folks helping me get back on my feet!

Roses, huge bunches of them, to Karen, Lynn, Mary, Lorraine, the angels in Thrifty's deli, and the Santa's elves at Sea Change. Many small things add up to make such a difference to Kayleigh's auntie and Ronald McDonald House!

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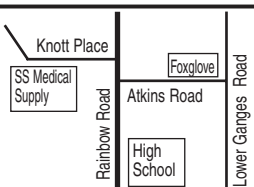
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LUNCH HELPERS: Dennis Molden and Katie Reynolds help serve up hotdogs and hamburgers outside of Ganges Village Market on Saturday. The Community Gospel fundraiser aimed to help send youths to an upcoming retreat in Saskatchewan.

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Little men with big badges nix trip

By **RICHIE BRAGG**

Did you know that your vacation, all your planning and the money you've saved to pay for your time away can be lost at the hands of "the United States of Paranoid-A"?

I know you can because it just happened to me and my life partner. I say life partner because a U.S. customs officer put both of us through such an interrogation (verbal insults, maligning and accusations) and she is still by my side.

She and I noticed that I had been singled out and we were asked to move to another U.S. customs kiosk to our right and empty up until we got there . . . and then the little man with the big badge came to sit inside it.

I will also mention here something my partner and most of my friends know about me. I am a felon. In 1972, when I was 21 years old, I was charged with trafficking drugs. I did a two-week stint at the Don Jail in Toronto.

The judge felt I needed a taste of barred life . . . and I'll tell you, it worked. My life has been crime-free since. Let's chalk it up to the times, my youth and stupidity.

Well, let me tell you, at 4:30 a.m. on January 6 at Vancouver International Airport, heading for

IN DEPTH

Mexico for two weeks in the sun, my past came back to bite me in the ass. You have no idea how fast my past came up on that customs official's computer screen. Apparently their 9/11 was affected by my 9/72.

After the "grand inquisitor" took his shots at my partner — ("You're not married, why did you come up here together, don't do that again!") — and after checking her papers, pointing to the baggage check and yelling "Go over there, move — get over there!", he then turned to me.

"You stoned now?" he asked. "You been drinking? How much do you drop a week? What do they do on Salt Spring besides grow dope?"

Storm trooper tactics from the unintelligencia.

Not waiting for any answers, he pointed to a bench, told me to sit down and not to lie to the next guys inside.

The enclosure, with bullet-proof glass and an electronically locking heavy steel door, had five teller-type cages inside, like in a bank.

Customs officer #2, after grilling me for another 10 minutes or so, sent me out of the room so he could check on some facts. When he buzzed me in again he informed me that I was not going to be allowed into the U.S. of A. for any amount of time and then offered me a waiver (a pardon) to be mailed to the U.S. Governor General.

Our travel itinerary called for a one-hour layover in San Francisco, then on to our destination in Mexico, with a one-hour layover in Los Angeles on the way back.

The waiver takes six months to process, it costs \$350 (Cdn) and you have to renew it every year — that's two expensive hours. Oh! And there is no guarantee of acceptance.

A one-hour layover and my past stupid mistake made 32 years ago cost my partner and I nearly \$5,000.

The lesson here, customs agent #2 told me, was to fly over the U.S. of Paranoid-A. Little man, big badge! Expensive lesson!

This next part bothers me a lot. Customs agent #2 told me, after explaining the workings of the waiver, that he was going to fingerprint me and take my photo there in the enclosure. I stopped him right there and asked if it was legal for him to ask and if I had to submit to either. He said, "No, Canadians are exempt."

I told him I would not allow it. He then took out another form with more waiver rules and on the "officer's comments" line wrote: "Subject uncooperative, refused pictures and/or fingerprints." He then told me this would affect getting a waiver.

He then photocopied my drivers licence, birth certificate and Island Savings insurance cards before giving them back to me.

These little men with big badges never got what they wanted. They wanted a rise out of me. I didn't "lose it," which is pretty good if you know me!

I don't like these kinds of injustices. I was the only white person in the enclosure being "interviewed," as my girl and I noticed the rest were of colour.

I am 240-pounds, 6-feet tall, heavy, with a moustache, bald and earrings. I've been told I look like a "biker."

Three other humans went into the enclosure to be interviewed while I was there. One boy who had a past drug-related situation was allowed to go through.

A woman going home to her family in the U.S. was told to turn around since she wouldn't be allowed back in, but I couldn't hear why. She was visibly upset.

A man who had shaved and got a haircut did not look enough like his pass-

port and was told to come back in five days. That story was told to me by an eyewitness who had just come through customs.

I've crossed the border to the U.S. before driving to Poconos, Florida, Michigan University and to a bar in Point Roberts for lunch.

I've flown to Mexico over the years and made stopovers for short plane changes. All the customs officers ever asked was "Where are you going, what's the duration of your stay — go ahead." And the same when I came back; as well as: "Got any booze?"

I haven't been to the States for 10 years, though. Since 9/11 and the free exchange of information, they can access any criminal activity by anyone, past or present.

To that end I believe these little men with big badges do their jobs admirably.

The population of the U.S. must feel safer for it, I guess. I'm a bartender on Salt Spring, so I talked to quite a few during the busy season, and they are not so sure about how safe they are.

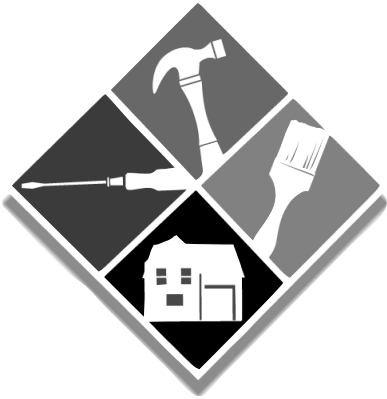
It sounds to me that the Americans I've come to know who now live here aren't worried as much about terrorists at all.

They are worried about their government. Talk up here in Canada, by all my Canadian and U.S. friends, is George and the boys are running amuck.

I also know that after my partner talked to the Alaska Airlines supervisors about our problem (they were appalled), we have permission to use our tickets anywhere for a year, as well as transfer them to another name. Good people.

Oh yeah, some of my American acquaintances have said that if they could, they would allow me to change planes in their state over one hour or even a whole day.

The writer is a local bartender and long-time resident.



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Jen's Home Improvements is no longer in operation.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank past clients, suppliers and business associates for their support over these last five years. It was a pleasure working with you.

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Packed CRD project list flushes out options

By **GARY HOLMAN**
CRD director

The Salt Spring Water Council has hired a part-time coordinator for 2004, funded from my administration budget.

Meetings between Capital Regional District (CRD) and Trust staff are underway to discuss improvements in stormwater quality management, including better coordination with the Ministry of Transportation.

The CRD's water department has adopted my suggestion to include all of the regional district in its proposal to require ultra-low-flush toilets in the building code. This could be implemented as a pilot project in 2004 and could significantly reduce growth in water demand on Salt Spring.

Trust renewal

As stated by Islands Trust chair David Essig at Thursday's Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meeting, reports of the death of the Trust renewal process are somewhat exaggerated.

Trust Council has not rejected a more equitable tax allocation for Salt Spring, but the progress our trustees have made in getting taxes on the agenda will be squandered unless they spend the time working out the technical and political obstacles with Trust Council and staff, and the Trust's new executive director, Linda Adams. The possibilities for greater cost recovery from new developments should also be pursued.

CRD REPORT

We can also improve our rural system of governance by taking on subdivision authority and oversight of non-farm uses in the ALR, which the Trust is now investigating further.

CRD Building Inspection and Islands Trust are also considering the acquisition of joint office space in Ganges to improve cooperation and save tax dollars in the long term. I will devote more of my time in 2004 to working with trustees Eric Booth and Kimberly Lineger on improving rural governance.

Recreation facilities

As reported in the Driftwood, the results of the pool survey indicate a strong demand for an indoor pool. While there is a substantial willingness to pay for an indoor pool, it is less clear that it is sufficient to cover all of the related capital and operating costs.

More work needs to be done to refine these costs, identify potential funding sources and, together with stakeholders and the public, define a referendum question.

Public approval will also be required for a funding and management agreement between PARC and the tennis club for the construction and operation of indoor tennis courts.

Arts service

A referendum will be held on March 20 (with advance polls on March 10 and 17) to determine public support for modest funding for ArtSpring and the Community Arts Council.

The success of the counter-petition (which cost about \$1,000) means that substantially higher referendum costs — up to \$12,000 to \$15,000 — must be incurred, part of which I will absorb in my administration budget.

Secure funding for the arts is essential for our community's quality of life and economy. Please vote yes on March 20.

Library

The survey undertaken by the library indicated the public's preference for a location in the village core, which affirms the provision in our official community plan.

Planning for the construction of a new library will continue in 2004. I am encouraging the library board to consider the possibility of alternative partnership arrangements within the village.

Public transit

A study of transit options undertaken for the Salt Spring Island Transportation Society will be completed soon. The study estimates the ridership and net costs (after-fare revenues) of some basic routes and schedules, and provides a model which can be used to evaluate alternatives.

The feasibility of public

transportation would be greatly enhanced by partnerships with community groups, existing private operators and other agencies such as B.C. Ferries. I will be working with the transportation society in 2004 in seeking possible public and private partners.

Anyone interested in assisting the society with its ride share program or with the public transit study should contact John Cade at 537-1866.

Parking

I am discussing the possibility of jointly funding a parking demand, supply and management study with the Chamber of Commerce, to be undertaken this summer.

Solid and liquid waste

The Salt Spring Island Solid Waste Committee is considering possible locations for chipping clean wood waste as an alternative to burning, and to provide material for composting septage and sewage sludge at the CRD facility in Burgoyne Bay. It is hoped that a composting pilot project can be initiated in 2004.

If our liquid waste can be composted and applied productively on Salt Spring, there could be a potential saving in taxes currently spent on transport off island.

The Ganges Sewer Commission will make a recommendation to the CRD Board in 2004 regarding the technology and cost recovery

mechanism for the expansion of the treatment plant. Initial results of a CRD feasibility study on re-use of treated water from the plant (e.g., for irrigation) will also be available this year.

Housing

The results of a CRD-funded study of the feasibility of an Abbeyfield project in the Fulford area will be available in 2004. CRD staff has been working with Greenwoods on a proposal to B.C. Housing for a seniors assisted living project. I will also be working with local groups to explore ways in which CRD Housing Corporation may be able to assist with affordable housing projects.

Emergency planning

We will be refining our existing, somewhat generic emergency response plan in 2004. Salt Spring Island Search and Rescue will also be developing an emergency evacuation plan.

Anyone interested in volunteering for emergency social services should contact Kimberly Lineger at 537-5555.

Hospital facilities

Construction of Phase 1 of the Lady Minto Hospital upgrade will be completed by the end of 2004.

I will be supporting a Hospital Foundation request that the CRD Hospital District share in the costs of a planning study for the second and third phases, so we do

not lose momentum on these essential upgrades.

Energy plan

A preliminary draft of an energy demand study for Salt Spring, jointly supported by the Islands Trust and a CRD grant-in-aid, has been completed by the Earth Festival Society.

The society will be researching and undertaking a public consultation process to develop an energy strategy for Salt Spring, starting with a town hall meeting January 31, 1 p.m. at Lions Hall.

Bylaw enforcement

I have supported a higher budget for CRD bylaw enforcement in 2004.

I will be considering amendments to our noise bylaw to make it more effective. CRD enforcement staff are also working with the RCMP to improve cooperation on enforcement issues.

Building inspection

Currently, about 75 per cent of building inspection costs, shared by all three electoral areas within the CRD, are covered by fees. At my request, the CRD Electoral Area Services Committee is considering alternatives for increasing cost recovery to about 90 per cent by increasing fees for larger, more expensive houses.

The committee is also reviewing data on the distribution of costs and revenues between the three electoral areas.

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Ecosystem inventory on agenda for Sat. townhall meeting

Salt Spring’s Community Energy Strategy and Islands Trust ecosystem maps will be dissected at the first town hall forum of the year set for Saturday afternoon.

The January 31 meeting is downstairs at All Saints By-the-Sea on Park Drive at 1 p.m., and will see formal presentations made on the baseline study of a local energy consumption project and the Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory mapping initiative of the Islands Trust.

Public input on the maps’ accuracy will be invited. An opportunity to discuss other issues and topics of community concerns will also be provided, said trustee Kimberly Lineger.

“These topics may include governance renewal, Channel Ridge development, Ganges Marina, vacation rentals, homelessness and affordable housing.”

All members of the public are encouraged to attend, said Lineger.

For more information, call the Ganges Trust office at 537-9144.



HONOURING THE BARD: Legion ladies bring out the haggis, above, while John Williamson wields a four-foot sword as annual Robbie Burns celebrations take place at Meaden Hall Saturday night.

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Cougar rumour pounced on

Flying fur sent parents and children running for cover over reports of a cougar attack at a field bordering two local schools last week.

“Definitely there was a rumour going around and people were asking ‘Why hadn’t anyone been alerted,’” said Salt Spring Elementary principal Rineke Jonker.

“They hadn’t been alerted because we hadn’t heard about it.”

The rumour related the killing of a dog by a cougar on the school field. As a result, some after-school groups were concerned about

potential risks to children.

But those concerns may have been unfounded. Investigations by police and animal control officers found no trace of a cougar, or of an animal kill, said Capital Regional District bylaw enforcement officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser.

“All there was was some fur lying around.”

He searched the area around the Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) field after the local RCMP detachment received reports of a January 21 cougar attack. Cougars rarely attack

dogs, noted Brunnwieser.

“Chances of a cougar attacking a dog are slim to nil.”

However, Brunnwieser recommends reasonable precautions. He believes two cougars currently live on the island. He inspected a deer, likely killed by a cougar, on Norton Road at the edge of Ganges last month, along with a sheep kill on Leisure Lane.

Another suspicious deer kill found earlier in December was located across the street from Fernwood Elementary.

New responsibilities for Lunn, Coell

Two of Salt Spring’s political leaders are wearing new hats this week.

Both Gary Lunn, MP for Saanich-Gulf Islands, and local MLA Murray Coell have taken on new government positions.

Coell moves from head of the human resources ministry to take over as Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women’s Services.

Lunn has been named Conservative Party of Canada Senior Critic for the new Ministry of Social Development.

“I am honoured that the party has trusted me with this important portfolio,” said Lunn in a prepared statement.

“As critic I will be looking forward to providing concrete ways to ensure that those who require assistance and compassion receive it, and that no Canadian goes without the basic necessities of life.”

Coell emerged with his new portfolio from a January 26 provincial cabinet shuffle that saw six new ministers sworn in, and a total of 11 changed ministries.

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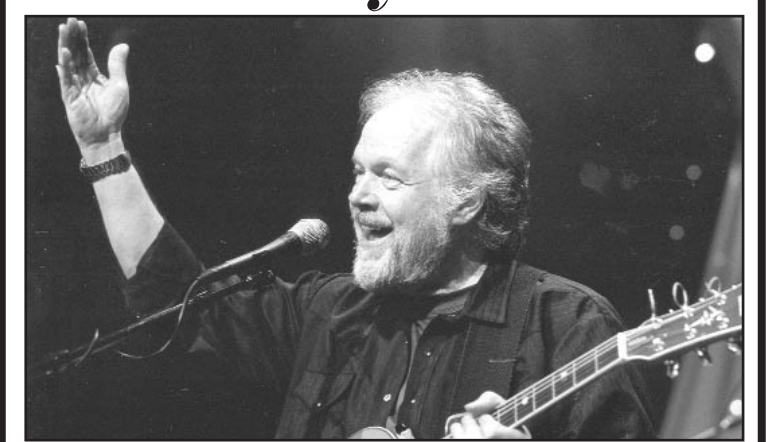
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333	382		KCPQ	6:00 News		Good Day Live		Sharon Osbourne		Jerry Springer		Maury Povich Show		Starting Over		Jerry Springer		Maury Povich Show	
511	390		NEWS	News	News	News	News	News	Your Call	News	Various	News	News	News	Various	Politics		News	Business
232	381		KIRO	The Early Show		Montel Williams		The Price is Right		Young & Restless		News	Various	As the World Turns		The Guiding Light		J.Brown	Various
231	380		KOMO	7:00 Morning Am.		Regis & Kelly		The View		KOMO 4 News		All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Northwest	
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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

WEDNESDAY, JAN 28

6:00 PM
14 ★★ Friends, Lovers and Lunatics (1989,Comedy) Off-beat artist loses his girlfriend to an inflexible and conservative college professor. *Daniel Stern, Sheila McCarthy* (1h45)

7:00 PM
3 ★★★★★ Ararat (2002,Drama) A man recounts how his life was changed while shooting a film about the Armenian genocide. *David Alpay, Arsinée Khanjian* (2h)

8:00 PM
24 ★★ Armed and Dangerous (1986,Comedy) An ex-cop and a disbarred lawyer work with a security company controlled by a mob boss. *John Candy, Eugene Levy* (2h)

9:00 PM
3 ★★ The Guru (2002,Comedy) A dancer from India arrives in America and finds himself assuming the role of sex guru. *Heather Graham, Marisa Tomei* (2h)
19 ★★ Clara's Heart (1988,Drama) A Jamaican housekeeper influences the life of a boy who is neglected by his parents. *Whoopi Goldberg, Michael Ontkcan* (2h)

10:00 PM
14 ★★ The Children of the Century (1999,Drama) A look at the life of pioneering pre-feminist author George Sand, and her stormy romance. *Juliette Binoche, Benoit Magimel* (2h30)

11:00 PM
3 ★★★★★ Gangs of New York (2002,Action) Amidst escalating violence in New York, a young man seeks to avenge his father's death. *Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel Day-Lewis* (2h45)

THURSDAY, JAN 29
7:00 PM
3 ★★★★★ The Quiet American (2002,Drama) A British reporter vies against a young American for the affections of a Vietnamese woman. *Michael Caine, Brendan Fraser* (1h45)

8:00 PM
24 ★★ Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult (1994,Crime Story) Lt. Frank Drebin comes out of retirement and goes undercover to foil a terrorist plot. *Leslie Nielsen, Priscilla Presley* (2h)

8:45 PM
3 ★ The Hitcher II: I've Been Waiting (2003,Horror) A former officer and his girlfriend pick up a demented hitchhiker with diabolical plans. *C. Thomas Howell, Kari Wuhrer* (1h30)

9:00 PM
13 ★★ Mystery, Alaska (1999,Sport) An Alaskan amateur hockey team accepts a challenge to play against the New York Rangers. *Russell Crowe, Hank Azaria* (2h30)

19 ★★ While You Were Sleeping (1995,Comedy) A woman pretends to be a comatose man's fiancée, but soon falls in love with his brother. *Sandra Bullock, Peter Gallagher* (1h30)
29 ★★ Shooting the Past (1999,Drama) A London mansion housing a huge library of rare photos gets a new owner: an American. *Liam Cunningham, Lindsay Duncan* (2h)

10:00 PM
14 ★★★★★ The French Connection (1971,Crime Story) A maverick New York City detective tries to stop an international heroin smuggling ring. *Gene Hackman, Roy Scheider* (2h)

10:15 PM
3 ★★ May (2002,Horror) A friendless young woman decides to construct a perfect man, using different body parts. *Angela Bettis, Jeremy Sisto* (1h45)

FRIDAY, JAN 30
7:00 PM
3 ★ Final Destination 2 (2003,Thriller) The only survivor of flight 180 teams up with a clairvoyant and a policeman to stop Death. *Ali Larter, A.J. Cook* (1h30)

7:30 PM
19 ★ The Stupids (1995,Comedy) The Stupid family gets involved with an espionage disaster after a misunderstanding. *Tom Arnold, Jessica Lundy* (1h30)

8:00 PM
11 Scoop (Drama) A nature writer is sent to an African country to cover a looming revolution. *Michael Maloney, Denholm Elliott* (2h)

23 The Cell (2000,Thriller) A psychotherapist is asked to journey inside the mind of a comatose serial killer. *Jennifer Lopez, Vince Vaughn* (2h)

24 ★★ Perry Mason: Case of the



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4	NewVI	Star Trek: Voyager		VI Land News				Spin City	Million?	Starhunter		Adventure Inc.		Primetime Thursday		News	35 J.Leno
330 379	KING	Oprah Winfrey		KING News		News	News	Magazine	Squares	Friends	W&Grace	The Apprentice		ER		News	35 J.Leno
244 358	CH	Days of Our Lives		CH News			Go! Mag.	70s	70s	Golden Years		Extreme Makeover		C. Name: Eternity		Sp'rPage	PgProfiles
243 321	CTVBC	Sharon Osbourne		CTV News at Five		News		eTalk	Access	CornrGas	Scrubs	CSI: Crime Scene		ER		News	News
241 336	GBLBC	Oprah Winfrey		News	National	News		ET	Train 48	Friends	W&Grace	The Apprentice		Without a Trace		News	
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454 523	BRAVO	Little Men	Richler, Ink			The Remains of the Day Sir Anthony Hopkins.				Law & Order		NYPD Blue		The French Connection			
441 506	HIST	JAG		Inside the Britannic		Line of Fire		Turning Points		JAG		Greatest Journeys		Inside the Britannic		Line of Fire	
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407 419	RSP	Canucks	News	Hockey NHL Vancouver Canucks vs St. Louis Blues				Canucks	NHLPA	Soccer C.	SeeThis			Sportsnet News		Sportsnet News	
23	KSTW	Ryan Seacrest		Frasier	Frasier	K Queens	K Queens	70s	70s	WWE Smackdown!				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Becker	Becker
24	KVOS	Ellen Degeneres		St.Smart	Ripley's	Dating	Elimidate	K Queens	Becker	Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult		W&Grace	J.Shoot	Dating	Cheers		
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511 390	NEWS	News: Canada Now		Docket	Culture	The National/Mag.		Rough Cuts		>Play		National	Business	Rough Cuts		>Play	
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243 321		CTVBC	Sharon Osbourne		CTV News at Five			News		eTalk	Access	Joan of Arcadia	Charmed		Third Watch	News	News	
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454 523		BRAVO	3:30LostW	Movie TV	Banff	For Love Or Country: Arturo Sandoz...			45 News		Law & Order		Sex&City	45 Sex and the City	Vixen (1968) Erica Gavin.			
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407 419		RSP	Skiing	Sac. Ride	Drop In	NBA Act	Bus.Sport	News	NBA XL	Basketball	NBA Minnesota vs Los Angeles				Sportsnet News	Sportsnet News		
23		KSTW	Ryan Seacrest		Frasier	Frasier	K Queens	K Queens	70s	70s	The Cell (2000) Jennifer Lopez.				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Becker	Becker
24		KVOS	Ellen Degeneres		Inside	Ripley's	Dating	Elimidate	K Queens	Becker	Perry Mason: Case of Desperate Dec...				W&Grace	J.Shoot	Dating	Cheers
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407 419		RSP	7:00 Soccer EPL		Soccer C.		Soccer		Skiing FIS		Basketball		NBA New Jersey vs Houston		Hockey		News															
23		KSTW	All Dogs...		All Dogs...		All Dogs...		News		Lucy		Walker, TR		Phantom From Space		James Seay.		Paid		Paid		Paid		Taxi							
24		KVOS	Wild Things		Dave Chalk Live		Paid Program		Paid Program		Paid Program		His Girl Friday (1940) Cary Grant.		McCloud																	
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332 381		KIRO	7:00 KIRO News		Paid		Paid		Animal		Basketball		NCAA UCLA vs St. John's		Road to Super Bowl		Sports Spectacular		B. Clues		Dora											
331 380		KOMO	8:00 News		LiloStitch		Recess		Fillmore		Proud F.		McGuire		So Raven		Golf FBR		Open PGA		Golf Skins		Game									
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445 354	KNOW	Babar	George	CG Kids	Kratts' C	Parks	Undersea	National Geo. Spec.		Heartbeat		A Touch of Frost				Festival de Jazz				
242 359	CITY	That Thing You Do (1996) Tom Hanks.			News	Speaker's	Fashion	Star TV	Powder	Immortal Beloved (1994) Gary Oldman.				Sex TV						
454 323	BRAVO	Performer	Fibonacci	Trio		Sarah Brightman				Sex&City	45 Sex and the City	The Rocky Horror Picture Show						Movie		
441 506	HIST	Master...	Manhunt	The Sea Hunters		The Odd Angry Shot Graham Kennedy.			Robinson Crusoe		The Odd Angry Shot Graham Kennedy.				Robinson Crusoe					
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PICTURE PERFECT: Lauren Utter paints with pizzazz as she works on an art project at Fulford Elementary School last week. Young artists from across Salt Spring are being asked to submit artwork for an upcoming show at ArtSpring.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Four-student potpourri at next M&M performance

Next Wednesday hails the return of Music and Munch with four guest performers who are all students of Deb Toole.

Well-known on Salt Spring as an actress, singer and musician, Toole teaches at her lakeside studio, and is excited to present her students at All Saints By-the-Sea on February 4.

In an eclectic program of works for flute and for voice, audience members will be treated to music ranging from early Baroque to modern musicals.

Bo Curtis, singer with Tuned Air and the newly

formed vocal group called Indigo, also plays flute and piccolo in Salt Spring Concert Band. He will play a Telemann Fantasia on flute at the recital.

Noni Fogarty, most often heard with the early music group Cantus and Tuned Air, has been studying both flute and voice with Toole for two years. She will join Curtis in a couple of classical duets.

Sylvia Louwman, soloist with Tuned Air and co-winner of the 2002 Salt Spring Concert Band soloists' competition, has been a student for three years. She will perform the Mother Lullaby,

Poor Wayfaring Stranger, songs from musicals and the modern ballad Jenny Rebecca.

Amy Buchwald has studied for two years with Toole. A soloist with Salt Spring Singers, Buchwald will join Fogarty and Louwman for the lovely vocal trio Shenandoah.

Wednesday promises an uplifting start to the Music and Munch year with free music beginning at 12:10 p.m. followed by lunch for \$5.50. Music and Munch will run the first Wednesday of each month until May, when it resumes a weekly spring/summer schedule.

WordPlay up for bedroom comedy

Islanders should come prepared to uncover sheets of laughter as WordPlay presents a reading of Alan Ayckbourn's Bedroom Farce this weekend.

WordPlay's third production since its inception last fall, it will be read aloud at ArtSpring on Saturday, January 31 at 8 p.m. and February 1 at 2 p.m.

Bedroom Farce is written by one of England's pre-eminent playwrights and directed by Betty Maryon. It features a stellar Salt Spring cast of Vaughn Fulford, Nancy Holcroft, Mary Lowery, Christine Mauro, Richard Moses, Jan Rabson, Florence Reid and Murray Shoolbraid.

"The witty dialog and hilarious situations make fine comedy but, as he does so often, Ayckbourn underlines that although people appear to be listening to each other, they don't really hear what others are saying," states a press release.

"All the action takes place in the bedroom of one or other of three houses — so join the fun as WordPlay repairs (literally) to the bedroom."

WordPlay's previous two readings were of The Importance of Being Earnest and The Glass Menagerie.

Admission to the two readings is by donation.

Young artists create images towards a Jan. 31 deadline

Budding talents like Picasso, Van Gogh, Rembrandt and Michelangelo never had it so good when they were kids.

For the second consecutive year, ArtSpring will host a February exhibition of creative works by young Salt Spring artists.

Its title — Artfully Off in All Directions — was inspired by Lorne Elliott's CBC comedy show Madly Off in All Directions, and last year coincided with Elliott's show on Salt Spring.

"It's just a cool thing," said co-sponsor Matt Steffich of Thunderbird Gallery.

He is happy to be involved in the project along with the Salt Spring Painters' Guild.

"If only two kids out of 40 get sparked to continue with art, it's worked," Steffich said.

The youth exhibit aims to provide the community with an opportunity to consider the value of art and artists, no matter what their ages.

Artfully Off in All Directions runs February 7-15 at the Birgit and Robert Bateman Gallery, and procrastinating ceiling painters like Michelangelo can still enter their submissions until Saturday, January 31.

Steffich, who is the parent of a young artist himself, came up with the concept for the successful kids art show last year.

But he credits ArtSpring board member Victoria Olchowecki for making the project happen.

"She's the one who made it come to life."

They had originally envisioned the plan as a "one-off" occasion at ArtSpring,

but it went over so well they decided to do it again, he said.

"We received 80 submissions last year," he said.

So ArtSpring is once again calling for submissions of two-dimensional (drawings, collages and paintings) and three-dimensional (sculptures, constructions and carvings) artwork from Gulf Islands artists who are 18 years old or younger.

There is no charge for submissions, (with a maximum of two per child) and the exhibition is free.

ArtSpring will also host a

reception to meet the artists at 3 p.m. Saturday, February 7.

As an added bonus, Fables Cottage is offering a 15 per cent discount on art supplies for young artists who bring their application form to the store.

Submission forms are available at ArtSpring, Thunderbird Gallery or by contacting Painters' Guild members Margaret Threlfall (537-4535) or Susan Pratt (653-9807).

Completed artworks can be dropped off at ArtSpring or Thunderbird Gallery.



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Thirteen's combusting mother-daughter bond a powerful heartbreaker

Sometimes great performances are a result of chemistry between two actors.

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In the case of *Thirteen*, a film of much ado at the Sundance Film Festival, Holly Hunter and Evan Rachel Wood pull off a letter-perfect and incredibly moving portrayal of a degenerating mother-daughter relationship.

Wood plays Tracy, a skinny seventh grader who sneaks into the cool crowd by impressing the mischievous and alluring Evie (Nikki Reed, whose stories inspired the writing of the film).

Hunter plays Mel, Tracy's hip single mom, who watches her daughter go from tight clothes to belly button rings to drugs in a manner of weeks.

It's not long before the situation at home completely falls apart. Tracy's dad refuses to see her, and the arrival of Mel's ex-junkie boyfriend only makes Tracy angrier. She acts out by acting badly, a worsening pattern of revolt that threatens to rend even the bond between mother and child.

If ever a film was heart-breaking, it is *Thirteen*. The film sneaks up on you by letting you in on Tracy's rollercoaster initiation to an almost-adult world: parties, drugs, sex — freedom. But when the consequences mount and people are hurt,

no punches are pulled. This isn't a typical family drama where characters just "realize" their problem and everything is resolved.

As I sit here now, I am still shaking in recovery from *Thirteen*'s stunningly powerful, emotionally transcendent ending. I want to tell you about it, explain to you how Wood and Hunter's final scenes together reduced me to blubbering tears. It is perhaps the best end to a film I've seen in a long, long time. If both of them were given Oscars right now, everything would be fine in the world.

The really sad thing is that a lot of younger people will not get to see the film. Its American rating is "R," and in Canada "18A." Why? Because we get to see Holly Hunter topless? Because we see kids doing drugs?

Give us a break. There is no way that any teen girl will see *Thirteen* and decide to suddenly put on a thong and try LSD.

In fact, I would argue that watching *Thirteen* once might actually purify said girl of the sexist, materialist and downright insulting messages of a fairy tale like *The Princess Diaries* or (here I go again) *Pretty Woman*.



SIMS SOUND: Daniel Millerd plays the trombone (top) and the horn section gets into the swing of things as Salt Spring Island Middle School band students present a rousing concert in the middle school gym last Thursday evening.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Tanahashi back for art workshop

By PETER LEVITT
Special to the Driftwood

Internationally known and loved calligrapher, painter, peace worker and translator of early Buddhist texts and poetry, Kaz Tanahashi, will return to Salt Spring to lead a new workshop for both experienced painters and those who consider themselves absolute beginners.

The workshop is called *Peaceful Mind with a Brush* and takes place this weekend on January 31 and February 1, from 10-4:30. Tanahashi says this workshop offers people a joyful, hands-on exploration of Asian calligraphy and painting using the traditional sumi brush and black ink.

Participants are free to attend either one day or both, but based on the past popularity of Tanahashi's workshops on Salt Spring, those interested are urged to sign up right away. Known for his wise and gentle way of helping students to express their authentic selves and imaginations with the sweep of a brush, Tanahashi is also known as a master of imparting relaxation.

"There's no reason for us to worry," he tells students. "We don't need to have any particular ideas or imagination before picking up the brush. Painting brings forth imagination. And besides," he laughs, "industrious people build industry. Lazy people build civilization."

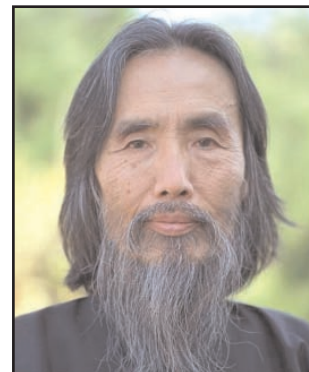
When Tanahashi was a teenager in post-war Japan, he was a student of Morihei Ueshiba, the founder of Aikido, (which means "unifying-breath-way"). Now, at 70 years old, Tanahashi acknowledges the influence of these early lessons on his art and his approach to leading workshops, which he does at least six months every year.

While teaching people how to find something of their true self in the line they draw, he will often remind them, "The most important thing is for us to enjoy ourselves as we discover 'our' line . . . A line is amazing," he says. "If you ask 10 people to draw a line, how different each will be. Someone's straight line can be very crooked. Another person's line may not look straight, but it is very straight inside."

In addition to his painting and calligraphy, Tanahashi is one of the world's major translators into English of Eihei Dogen, (1200-1255), who founded the Soto Zen School of Meditation.

In 2003, Kaz and friends from around the world inaugurated an international organization dedicated to helping individuals and nations live up to the group's courageous name: World Without Armies. At the group's first meeting, he said in his classic understated style: "A world without armies may sound impossible from where we sit today, but don't you at least think it's a good idea?"

Registration is limited for *Peaceful Mind with a Brush*. For information about the workshop, please call Peter Levitt at 537-9567.



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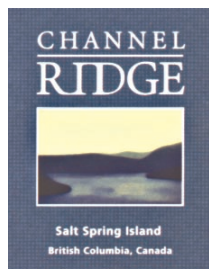
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Channel Ridge Properties & Islands Trust host open house

Over 150 people attended an open house co-hosted by Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. and Islands Trust Dec. 13 at the Gulf Islands Secondary School.

CRP Community Relations Specialist Julie Marzolf, APR, and Dwight Ecklund of Moodie Consultants Ltd., the Islands Trust consultant for this project, hosted the presentations. They introduced members of the design team including architect Stu Lyon, landscape architect Don Vaughan and community planner Mark Holland, all of whom made short presentations about aspects of the proposed development. The balance of the two-hour open house was open to informal dialogue between attendees and the design team members.

Twenty-one participants filled out a short exit survey. Ten of those surveys were positive comments, with three others focused on building forms and the remaining eight on environmental concerns.

"We were very pleased with the attendance and with the comments we heard at the Open House," Marzolf said. "It was gratifying to see many of the residents interacting directly with the six members of our project who were present. While some people expressed frustration over the lack of a 'town hall' question and answer session, we have discovered most people appreciate the chance to talk one-on-one in a less charged atmosphere.

"Many people thanked us for keeping them up-to-date through the Driftwood and the smaller community meetings," she pointed out. "Since last August, we have met with over 300 community members and that may explain why only a few comment sheets were filled out.

"In some of our first meetings, Salt Spring Island residents quoted Valdy when describing their community ('Salt Spring Island is a body of opinions surrounded by water') and that other one about '...if you get 10 Salt Spring Islanders in a room, you'll get 11 opinions,' so we received an early impression of a diverse community with passionately-held views.

"We will never solve everything to everyone's satisfaction, but our goal is courteous, appropriate discussion always conducted in good faith and with the utmost respect for all parties and their opinions," Marzolf said. "We're confident that is a



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perspective held by most Salt Spring Islanders, regardless of their opinions on any one issue."

In addition to the publication of three issues of Channel Ridge Update, distributed in The Driftwood newspaper in October, November and January, Marzolf pointed to the letter about the site tree removal and the interviews conducted by Marzolf and her community relations partner Deborah Folka, APR, as evidence of Channel Ridge Properties Ltd.'s commitment to communications.

"The issues that were identified on the exit surveys are not new to us," she pointed out. "We are working on the environmental concerns, on the road access during and after construction, on the community composition queries and on the disposition of the 800+ acres that will still be in a largely natural and untouched state after the community is created. There are still many, many decisions to be made, but we are confident that the input we have received from the community will be valuable in assisting the Channel Ridge board and its project team to make the best, most intelligent and reasonable decisions."

Teams Raise Funds with Firewood

It was a flaming good idea for fundraising.

The Scorpions and the Slayers, the football teams at Gulf Islands Secondary School, decided to raise funds to buy team jackets by chopping and delivering firewood. According to Coach Doug Mitchell and team parent and organizer Noella Fraser, the effort has been a huge success.

"We've delivered about six-and-a-half cords so far, with more than 16 cords on the waiting list," Fraser said. "We are charging \$150, the same as the other firewood providers on the Island, to chop and deliver a cord, but for seniors we will also stack the wood exactly as they need it."

In late November, Coach Mitchell contacted Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. about having the football team members remove and sell firewood from the development's site.

"We were delighted to give our support to the teams," Thomas Ivanore, CRP project manager, said. "I'm a big fan of youth sports and our organization was



Members of the Gulf Islands Secondary School Junior Varsity and Salt Spring Slayers Junior Bantam football teams (from left), Jake Fraser, Stephen Portingale, Myles Teagle, Travis Bantel and Mike Windsor, helped deliver and stack a cord of wood for Mrs. May McKinley to raise funds for their teams. Parent drivers Darryl Windsor and John Teagle assisted them.

very happy to give permission for the firewood removal."

The recent snowfalls put a crimp in the fundraising efforts and caused delivery delays, Fraser said. Prior to the bad weather, the team was chopping and

delivering orders within a week.

"We decided to catch up a little, so we hired a logger to buck the wood into standard lengths and then the boys split it up into the manageable pieces for firewood," Fraser explained. "It's been

interesting for some of the boys on the team who haven't chopped firewood before. Our sons, Jake and Angus, have a lot of experience with it because we heat our house completely with wood, but a member of the team who is an exchange student from Mexico had never handled an axe. So he's learned a new skill not usually associated with football!"

Factoring in the additional cost of hiring a professional logger, each Scorpion and Slayer will have to sell, chop and deliver one-and-a-half cords of wood to raise enough money for their team jackets, Fraser estimated.

"There are 20 boys and we've selected the jacket, designed the crest and we'll put the order in soon," Coach Mitchell said. "We're well on our way thanks to all the hard work of the boys, the parents and organizers Noella and John Foley."

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Village site clearing begins

In anticipation of building, Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. will begin to clear a small portion of the 851-acre site over the winter months.

According to Project Manager Thomas Ivanore, only 87.3 acres will be used in the Village development and the remaining 800+ acre area will be retained in its natural state.

“To be considerate of our immediate neighbors, we will clear the Village site starting in February and continuing into March,” Ivanore said. “We will strictly observe the noise bylaws and insist that our contractors take especial care in terms of safety in the transport and removal of the cut timber.”

Don Vaughan, chief landscape architect for Channel Ridge Properties Ltd., explained the rationale for the one-time clearing.

“Though we have talked about ‘Phase 1’ and ‘Phase 2’ as separate building programs, we cannot separate the landscape into phases,” he said. “For Phase 3, we will only be clearing the site road and building sites.

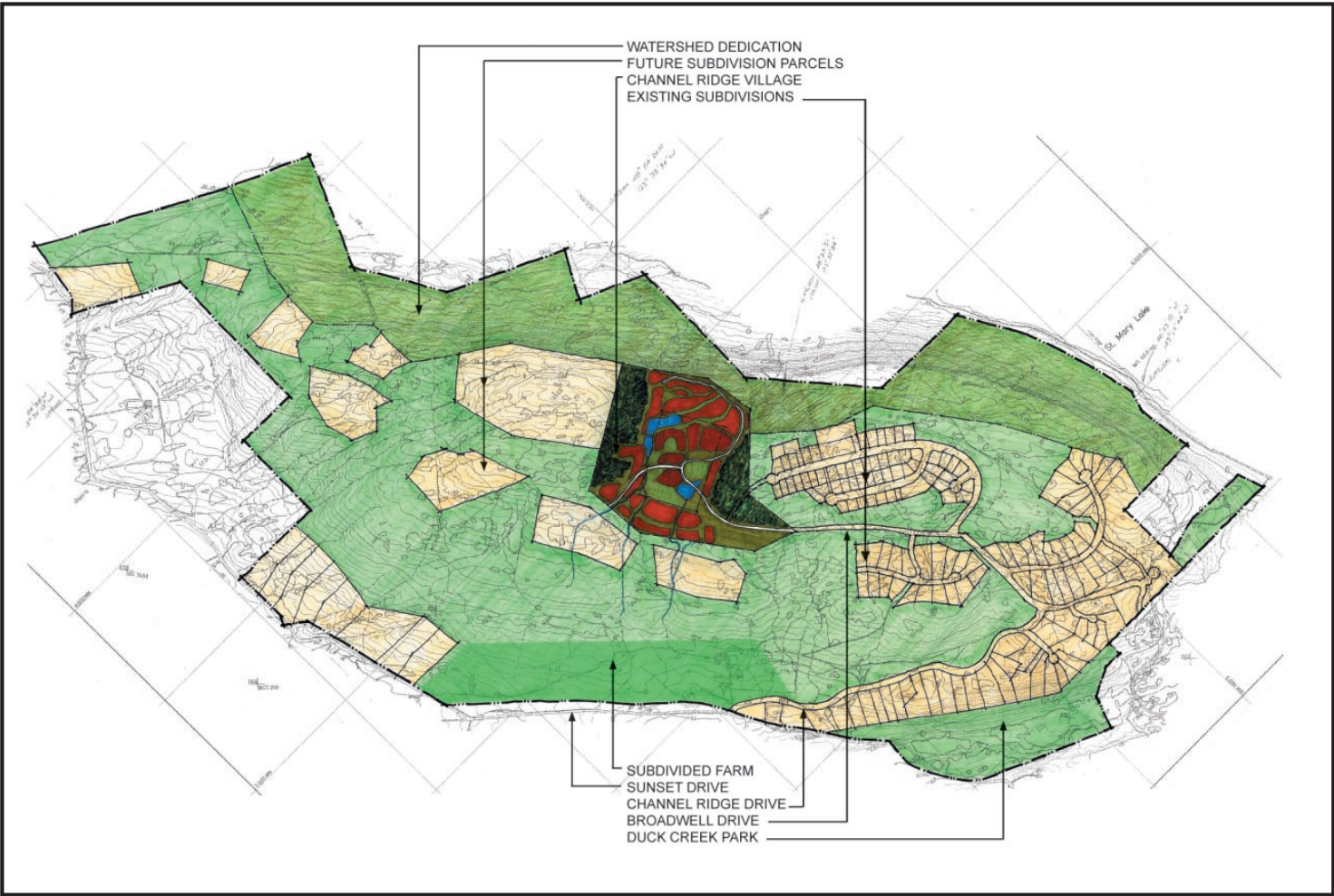
“Our clearing will be done in one stage, to be able to efficiently hydroseed, which is important to combat erosion and retain streams,” Vaughan explained. “The one-time clearing will also minimize the period of inconveniences to our neighbors like noise, increased transport traffic and burning.”

Ivanore pointed out that the community’s infrastructure, which includes many environmentally innovative and progressive components in terms of water and waste management and the wireless technology, must all be put in place at once.

“In terms of the construction and the economics of the project, it is only possible if we clear the site once,” he said. “We’re gotten very clear messages from the Islands Trust, along with many people on Salt Spring about the need for environmental sensitivity. Putting that in place for this new community comes with a significant price tag, but one that should provide the best value in the results.

“We have re-visited the site on several occasions to do our utmost to protect the sensitive eco-systems identified by various local groups, and by our latest calculation we will be able to preserve over seven per cent more than we had previously thought,” Ivanore pointed out.

A letter describing the site clearing was sent out in the Dec. 17, 2003 issue of The Driftwood newspaper.



Channel Ridge Village Context Plan

Listen, then talk cont'd

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on respect for an organization’s stakeholders. It has been my experience that organizations get in trouble when they don’t do what our mothers taught us: acknowledge your mistake, say you’re sorry, say you’ll do what it takes to fix it and then do it. If executives and boards of every private company or government agency would just ask themselves ‘what’s the right thing to do?’ and then be transparent about doing it and discussing it, so much trouble could be avoided.

Unfortunately, there is a terrible, mistaken tendency to try to cover up and that never works for long.”

Folka is an accredited member of the Canadian Public Relations Society and the Counselors’ Academy of the Public Relations Society of America. She has been president of the CPRS chapter in Vancouver and served on the national CPRS board, as well as on the organizing committee of the 2003 PRSA Counselors’ Academy annual conference. She was the 2000 recipient of the Pat Monk Memorial Award for “outstanding contributions to the public

relations profession” and has taught communications at Douglas College, Kwantlen University College, Vancouver Community College and at the University of Arizona. She is also an on-air volunteer for KCTS Public Television in Seattle and was a founding member of the Community Advisory Board for the Royal Roads University MBA in public relations and communications management.

Folka has a 19-year-old son, Lindsey, presently attending school in Alberta.

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What is your hope for the new Channel Ridge community?

Editor's note: We asked a variety of Salt Spring Island residents about their hope for the new community at Channel Ridge. Here is a sample of what we heard...with more to come next month!

"Our hope is that the development will respect and honor the original inhabitants of the land who used the resources for thousands of years, and whose spiritual sites remain in the area."

-- **John Munro & Karen Clark**, Channel Ridge area residents



Tony Threlfall

"I would hope that the landscape of the new village would tell the agrarian story of Salt Spring Island. The Farmers' Institute on Salt Spring is one of the oldest and largest in the province. We encourage the preservation of farm-

land, as well as agricultural activity. I'd like to see the use of local edible plants, such as fruit trees and hedgerows, to reflect the agricultural heritage of the Island and the use of sheep to maintain the meadow areas."

-- **Tony Threlfall**, a Director of the Farmers' Institute and one of the coordinators of the Fall Fair

"My hope is that the new community at Channel Ridge is permitted to develop in accordance with the vision, style, quality and integrity that has been built into the planning process and presented to the public; and that it compliments our existing values and lifestyle on Salt Spring Island."

-- **Duane MacPhail**, economic development consultant and operator of Eagles Nest Bed 'n Breakfast

"I would like to see this as a village of permanent Salt Spring Island residents, with a broad range of demographics. There should be a mix of rental and owned homes; there should be no timeshares or short-term vacation rentals. There should, of course, be the necessary services in the commercial area for the residents. Living accommodation could be incorporated into commercial zone areas with apartments above shops. One of the ideas proposed by the former owners was to permit zero setback frontages to encourage innovative concepts.

There should be subdivision and sale of land parcels to allow a variety of developmental designs so that the village will grow naturally. If the entire

village is planned and developed by only one or two architects, it will not succeed. The "uni-development" concept has been attempted over the past 50 or 60 years with dismal results. Developing Channel Ridge Village is an opportunity for innovative and imaginative planning. I hope it all comes to fruition."

-- **Grace Byrne**, former Islands Trust trustee



Mark Trueman

"There are two things that I hope will materialize. The first has to do with the physical aspects of the village and the second is related to the community that the village will support. Physically, I hope that the village will be a fine representation of west coast architecture, reflecting the natural environment and, wherever possible, using environmentally friendly products and technologies. I certainly hope that the village architects DO NOT try to copy, or import, foreign concepts in an attempt

to emulate a "cutesy" European village.

Second, I hope that the residents of the village will live full-time on Salt Spring Island and, therefore, become committed to the welfare of our community. I also hope that the village will be able to attract people from elsewhere on the island (for example, fine dining, coffee shops etc)."

-- **Mark Trueman**, Channel Ridge area resident

"I would like to see the Village become home to some of the residents we are losing due to escalating housing costs. Including affordable housing in the Village plan would help to support the rich diversity that makes the Island special and on which the sustainability of the community depends."

-- **Ellen Garvie**, Executive Director, Salt Spring Island Community Housing and Land Trust Society and Project Manager, SSI Community Economic Development Project.

"I believe growth and development are both necessary and inevitable in this day and age. If these are done responsibly, in an environmentally friendly manner and without placing excess demands on our current resources and infrastructure, I certainly welcome it. Planning is key to being successful and with proper planning, the Channel Ridge development will only further enhance this beautiful place that we live in."

-- **Dan Lee**, Salt Spring Island resident and businessperson

CRP manager has long experience in the field

Thomas Ivanore, project manager for Channel Ridge Properties Ltd., has over 28 years of experience in real estate development and construction management.

As an independent developer, Ivanore has been involved in a broad variety of commercial, industrial, residential and public projects over the years, including multi-million dollar commercial projects in downtown Vancouver, 26 bridges throughout the province, three hospitals and six parking structures and now the new community at Channel Ridge on Salt Spring Island.

"I've assembled the Channel Ridge project team responsible for putting together the financing, planning, designing, infra-structure, construction and marketing for the new community with the needs of the community as much as the investors in mind," he explained. "It's a big project -- estimated at about \$165 million -- and it's complex, but that's the

challenge and that's what I enjoy."

Ivanore is a native of southern Ontario and a graduate of the University of Western Ontario. In the early years of his career, he worked for the federal government's engineering department in Toronto, Hamilton and Winnipeg. During that time, he wrote the specifications for the re-development of a 100-unit townhouse project.

During the 1970s, Ivanore worked for Genstar, as a sales manager for the company's residential market in British Columbia and as a manager for Bordignon Construction, managing over 400 staff and an annual budget of \$20 million, overseeing the development of projects such as bridges and high-rise residences. During his time with Bordignon, he received an international award for his work. While with Genstar, he increased their warehouse division's productivity by over 200 per cent in three years, served as the director of the

National Building Code's Section Four Design Committee and as president of the Precast Manufacturers' Association of North America.

"I was attracted to the Channel Ridge project because it is the opportunity to create an entire community from the ground up," Ivanore explained. "We have the chance to implement some very innovative and progressive infrastructure options, the topography is beautiful and challenging so the resulting structural designs will be striking and very individualistic, and the setting of Salt Spring Island is enormously attractive. I'm looking forward to owning a home at Channel Ridge myself."

An independent developer since 1980, Ivanore regularly puts together teams of professionals for projects in a variety of locations, but with a primary focus on B.C. An avid golfer, he and his wife Isabella, have one daughter, Tara, a marine biologist who lives in Mexico with her husband Jack.



Thomas Ivanore

Listen, then talk

The hallmark of a successful project is good two-way communications, but all too often organizations fail to prioritize or formalize the process. Including community relations specialists on the project team has assisted Channel Ridge Properties Ltd.’s communications effort on Salt Spring Island.



Julie Marzolf, APR

Julie Marzolf has been a communicator her entire life.

“Right from childhood, I was always a relational person,” Marzolf, president of Epic Central Strategic Communications Inc., explained. “My father was in marketing and sales with a large pharmaceuticals company and we moved frequently all over the United States. I was born in Nebraska, and then we were in Chicago, Kansas City, Columbus, Seattle, New Jersey and Virginia. You had to communicate if you wanted to survive and make friends!”

Following her family in a move to the West Coast, Marzolf transferred to the fine arts program at UBC from a Virginia university in the mid-70s and there met her future husband. She and Rick Marzolf tied the knot in 1975. As volunteers and later staff members of Young Life of Canada, an interdenominational Christian organization with operations worldwide, they spent two years in Zimbabwe doing leadership development work. The experience of living and working in Zimbabwe reinforced what Marzolf describes as “the tremendous privilege of living in Canada.”

“I think it was in Africa that my interest in public relations as a career was sparked,” Marzolf said. “I could see how important it was to establish and nurture relationships and to listen to other perspectives, as well as to recognize how economics, leadership and government all factor into the final outcome. When we returned to Canada, it was a natural to enroll in a formal pr course at the B.C. Institute of Technology.”

After completing the BCIT program, Marzolf worked at one of Vancouver’s

large pr agencies and her experience there led to a career-altering move involving work for Cambridge Shopping Centres in the 1980s.

“Cambridge was planning a major expansion to Oakridge Centre and they needed someone to manage the community consultation,” she explained. “I worked closely with the nearby Jewish Community Centre and Oakridge’s surrounding neighborhoods of Asians and seniors to leverage the goodwill that already existed. I was careful to find out what elements the community wanted to see at the popular shopping centre, including housing and community amenities, and the hard work paid off.

“Some 27 people came out in support of the re-zoning and it passed unanimously,” she recalled. “City Councilor Gordon Price called it ‘a textbook application.’”

From there Marzolf launched Marzolf & Associates Ltd., a public relations company focused on land use projects and recruited her husband as her first ‘associate.’

“We work so well together and he is an integral member of the team, keeping us on-track, managing accounts, schedules and all the administration, leaving me able to focus on the clients’ needs exclusively,” she pointed out. “Rick has been instrumental in interacting with the community on several large projects

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we’ve managed. His background in education and engineering provides a nice complement to the team.”

Several years ago, the firm expanded to include other senior level associates in fields that interface with public relations, such as market research and graphic design, but still allows the individual consultants to maintain their autonomy.

Marzolf has continued in her specialty area, working on several large-scale land use projects, among them a 42-acre waterfront development at the century-old B.C. Packers salmon cannery site, a project that unfolded over five years and won her firm the Canadian Public Relations Society’s Signature Award of Communications Excellence in 2000.

“Channel Ridge offers a unique opportunity for a very special community to be created,” she said. “I can’t think of anything more exciting than being in on the birth of something like that. Working with the Salt Spring Island residents has been a treat, too.

With the very high levels of education, advocacy and literacy on the Island, we have had many excellent discussions that have greatly influenced the direction of the project.”

In addition to CRP, Marzolf is currently working with Wesbild Properties Ltd. on a project in Coquitlam and in recent years has assisted clients such as Simon Fraser University, Langara College, UBC, the McLean Group of Companies and Southpointe Academy in Tsawwassen. She earned her APR designation from CPRS in 1992 and has been an active member of that organization, as well as the Counselors’ Academy of the Public Relations Society of America. She is also on the executive of Vancouver’s Urban Development Institute and, for three years, has been an Advisory Board member for UBC’s Executive Mentor program that matches commerce students with members of the local business community.

“Rick and I are very active in our church and recently had the opportunity to be part of the production of a CD along with about 40 other musicians and singers,” she said. “We also founded a peer counseling program for couples contemplating marriage and another program for married couples seeking enrichment. I’ve recently gotten involved with a drama group, too. I’m a life-long volunteer, always curious and always learning. I hope to never quit!”

The Marzolfs have two grown daughters living and working in Vancouver, Rebecca, 27, and Christina, 24 and one son-in-law, Tyler, Christina’s husband.



Deborah Folka, APR

A native of the Lower Mainland, Deborah Folka went south for university and ended up living and working in the United States for many years.

“I loved my time in America in the 1970s and ‘80s,” Folka said. “I got a

top-notch education in communications, a field that was largely unknown in Canadian academia at the time, and my early work experience was in a far more competitive environment. That turned out to be a boon as well.”

Armed with an undergraduate degree in communications from the University of Washington and a graduate degree from the University of Arizona, Folka worked in public relations roles in three different states. She was the Director of Communications for the Tucson Symphony Orchestra in Tucson, Ariz., the Hamilton County Mental Health Board in Cincinnati, Ohio and the Southern Arizona Mental Health Center. She also worked for community newspapers in both Washington and Ohio before returning to Vancouver in the late 1980s.

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In B.C., Folka headed up communications departments for a variety of employers such as the Institute of Chartered Accountants of B.C., the Workers’ Compensation Board of B.C. and Wesbild Properties Ltd., before turning to consulting in the early 1990s.

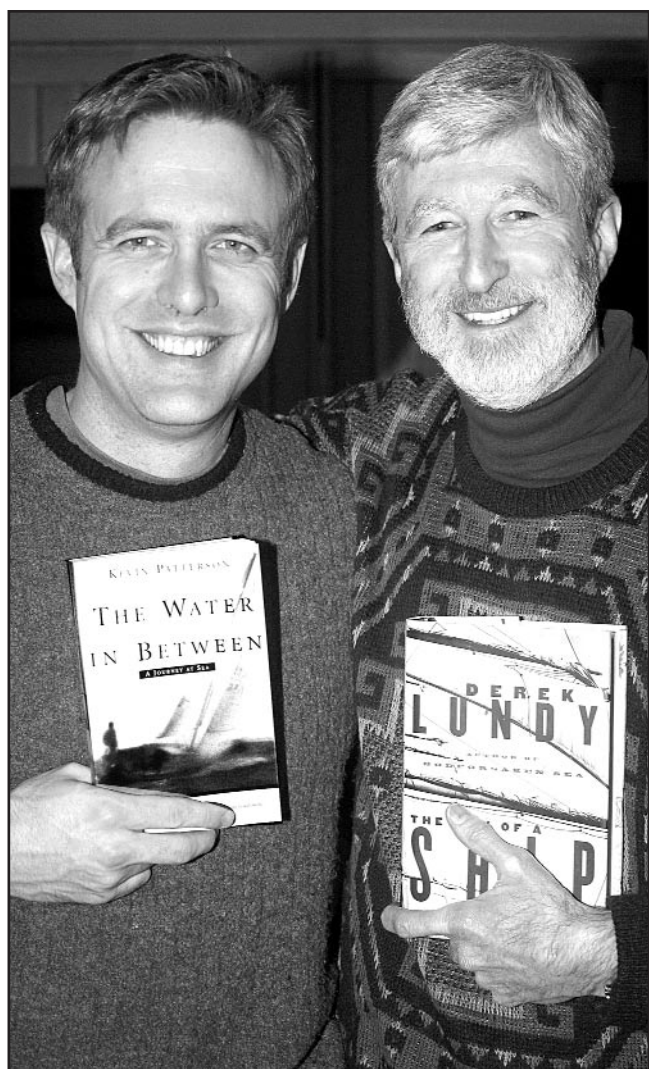
“Julie and I have worked as associates for over a decade now and occasionally we worry about having so much fun,” she said, with a smile. “We have enormous respect for each other, we enjoy working together, we try to be very careful about the clients we chose to work with and our strengths complement each other.

“I’m a voracious reader of fiction, too -- both low- and high-brow -- which is probably a natural thing for someone who reads and writes for a living,” Folka explained. “So I’ve been just enchanted with the number of bookstores on Salt Spring Island, the vibrant arts community, the all-volunteer library and the highly literate nature of our interaction with virtually everyone who lives here. It has been a privilege to be associated with this project.”

Folka’s work has led to a specialization in crisis communications and a devotion to the ethical management of issues.

“People erroneously equate ‘public relations,’ with ‘spin,’” she pointed out. “Nothing could be further from the truth if the public relations being practiced is truly two-way, symmetrical and focused

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SEAFARING WRITERS: Nautical writers with connections to Salt Spring, Kevin Patterson, left, and Derek Lundy, read from their latest books at All Saints last Saturday evening. Patterson used to practise medicine here, while Lundy now lives here full time.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Local filmmakers on tap at festival

Among islanders' valentines this year will be the fifth annual Our Island, Our World film festival.

It runs as usual at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Saturday and Sunday, February 14 and 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year, Our Island, Our World presents more than 30 films on topics of political and cultural interest via the Travelling World Community Film Festival in co-operation with its Courtenay originators.

"Organizers have tried to select videos with a positive emphasis to counteract the negative world we live in," states a press release. Time for discussion has been scheduled after each film.

Of particular local interest will be two productions from filmmaker Judy Jackson, who now lives on Salt Spring and whose work has won many awards. Jackson will be on hand to discuss the films.

Also with a Salt Spring connection is a mini-workshop centred around a green transportation offering called Huge Bus Now, led by islander Jones Werner.

Saturday evening's feature film will be the much-acclaimed Amandala film. Island marimba band musicians are creating a unique

setting for the occasion, so people can expect to dance. Details will be announced as they fall into place.

Running concurrently on Saturday is Island Natural Growers' Seed and Plant Exchange, (formerly known as Seedy Saturday), with the theme of Salt Spring: a Growing Sanctuary.

On Sunday, volunteer groups will occupy the multi-purpose area disguised as a sidewalk cafe where patrons can learn about the activities of service organizations while they socialize over a cup of tea or coffee.

Maggie Schubart is a festival co-organizer along with Jane Squier, Bob Weeden and Marg Simons.

She credits a reliable team of volunteers with making the festival such a success.

"They turn up to do things and follow through."

Schubart is pleased the festival can basically break even with an admission-by-donation policy.

"I think it is wonderful that's the way things still happen in this community."

The high school cafeteria will provide delicious, nutritious, reasonably-priced food both days. Child supervision is also available.

Information contacts are Jane Squier, 537-5467; and Maggie Schubart, 537-9804.

ArtSpring line-up makes February doldrum-free

By JOHN WAKEFIELD
Driftwood Contributor

February may be the shortest month, but there is no shortage of events on the horizon. Forget about the February blahs and take in some great culture at ArtSpring — some events still have tickets available, but people should get theirs soon to avoid disappointment!

- Bedroom Farce characters Trevor and Susannah have a problem that requires urgent attention. What better solution than to talk it over with family and friends? Preferably in their respective bedrooms and ideally in the middle of the night. With friends like these, nobody gets much sleep. Produced by WordPlay, a spoken-word theatre group, admission is by donation. Saturday, January 31, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, February 1 at 2 p.m.

- In its continuing celebration of youthful creativity on our island, ArtSpring is once again featuring an exhibition for young artists from February 7-15. Entitled Artfully Off in All Directions, young artists are invited to share their enthusiasm and sense of fun — in whatever direction their creativity takes them! Admission to the exhibition is free. A reception to meet the artists will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, February 7.

- With lyricism, sensitivity and pianistic brilliance, Jane Coop is recognized as one of Canada's most prominent and distinguished pianists. This sold-out event is part of the Great Performers at ArtSpring series. Saturday, February 7, at 8 p.m.

- Salt Spring Writes! kicks off a brand new 2004 reading series February 11 at 8 p.m. Hosted by Derek Lundy, the first reading of the series fea-

WHAT'S ON AT ARTSPRING

tures Murray Reiss, Sandi Johnson and Brian Brett. Presented by Salt Spring Writers & Friends with support by the Salt Spring Public Library Association and the Canada Council for the Arts. Ticket revenue at the door goes towards the Salt Spring Writers & Friends Scholarship Fund for an emerging Gulf Islands Secondary School writer.

- There will be romance in the air when Kate Hammett-Vaughan, Steve Maddock and Capilano College's 12-member NiteCap take to the stage in Jazz For Lovers. Kate, Juno-Award nominee and "one of Canada's most interesting jazz singers" (Globe and Mail), will make you swoon. Part of the ArtSwings! Jazz series, this is the perfect date to get people in the mood for love. Sunday, February 15, 2:30 p.m.

- The Island Arts Centre Society annual general meeting runs in the ArtSpring theatre at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 16. Everyone is welcome.

- Salt Spring resident and Canadian rock music legend Randy Bachman and friends offer three benefit concerts for Ssplash on February 19, 20 and 21. Audience members are being encouraged to come in appropriate pool wear to enjoy Randy's presentation of Every Song Tells a Story, and then meet and greet with Randy and his friends after the concert. February 19, 20 and 21, 8 p.m. All three shows are sold out.

- Ballet Jörgen returns to Salt Spring with a fresh and original production of Coppelia, a ballet classic of magic, humour and passion.

Choreographed by Bengt Jörgen, the dancers infuse Leo Delibes' score and E.T.A. Hoffmann's story with magical moments in which dolls gleefully come to life and lovers discover the lightness of romance. A marriage of movement and fantasy, Ballet Jörgen's Coppelia is an incisive, triumphant, audacious, and dreamy night of modern ballet. Friday, February 27, 8 p.m.

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BANDS PLAY ON:
Ray Newman Fund representatives Dawn Luker is surrounded by kids and their instruments as she presents this year's proceeds of the memorial fund to the middle and high school music programs. Each school received \$500 from the fund established in the name of the late Ray Newman.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Tickets for VSO series on sale now

A Cowichan Valley promoter is letting Salt Spring bask in a summer-time chamber music series set for Stowel Lake Farm.

A limited number of tickets for a six-concert series featuring the Island String Quartet — whose

members perform in the Victoria Symphony Orchestra (VSO)— go on sale this week.

"It's been a tremendous success in the Cowichan Valley, which is why I've decided to do it not only in the Cowichan Valley but on Salt Spring as well."

Concert dates are on Saturdays at 2 p.m. on June 5 and 19, July 10, August 7 and 21, and September 4.

Hicks promises top-level concerts with repertoire including Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven for five of the six shows. The August 21 presentation will fea-

ture soloist Pablo Diemecke performing the acclaimed Emanuel Arias and two works by J.S. Bach.

In addition to first violinist Diemecke, Island String Quartet members are Kate Rhodes, second violin; Donna Robertson on viola; and VSO principal cellist Lawrence Skaggs.

The beautiful barn at Stowel Lake Farm on Reynolds Road offers an idyllic concert setting, said Hicks.

While the series runs during the summer when Salt Spring is full of visitors, Hicks is aiming to put

islanders into the seats.

"I don't even care about tourists coming because all the tickets will be sold in advance."

Only 140 seats are available for each event, with season passes selling for \$108. Individual concert tickets, if available, will cost \$20 each.

Season tickets are available now at Volume II Books, Acoustic Planet and Stowel Lake Farm. Brochures can also be picked up at those locations.

For more information, contact Hicks at (250) 746-8654, or Lisa Lloyd at 653-4303.

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Sistahs set to stage BHP dance

Beaver Point Hall will rock to the sounds of a "dynamic" performer February 7 as a group of middle school students attempts to raise funds for an upcoming surf holiday.

The Hood Sistah's leadership group, led by Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) counsellor Tiffany Wightman, is organizing two dances next month, featuring "two groovy bands" from Vancouver.

"The girls put back in the community, while raising money for a leadership and

surf holiday they are aiming for in March or April," said Wightman in a press release. "They each have personal goals they are working towards, as well as trying to make a positive difference in the outside world."

En route to Salt Spring for next Saturday's dance is Vancouver-based singer-songwriter Green TaRa, who "performs a distinct hybrid of live acoustic and soul music."

According to press material, Green TaRa has been influenced by jazz, funk,

reggae, blues and "old skool" hip hop.

"Green TaRa's distinct voice delivers a positive message through thought-provoking lyrics and diverse melodies. TaRa is an experienced soloist and a dynamic group performer; (she) wins crowds with her unique style, confidence and candid charm."

Wightman says the hall will be "decked out" for the non-alcohol dance, and is open to "anyone who can stay up for the 9 p.m. onwards events."

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Music Simply Organic. Free recital with organist Barry Valentine. All Saints, 10:10 a.m. Followed by coffee and muffin. Burns Tea. With Murray Shoolbraid and accompaniment. Seniors Centre, 2 p.m. Swing Shift Big Band. Dinner and dance at Anise, 6 p.m.	Music Caribbean Night. With Dub Electronic at Anise, 9 p.m. Meetings/Talks SS Weavers' and Spinners' Guild. Madalene Jory shows unusual knitting. ArtSpring, 10:30 a.m.	Music Friday Night Jam. Hosted by Ben at Anise, 9 p.m. Stephanie Rhodes. Sings at The Local. Activities The Actor's Warmup. With Vaughn Fulford. Ganges Yoga Studio, Fridays, 6-7 p.m. Life Drawing. United Church, 1-3 p.m. Meetings/Talks The Biogeography of Mammals in our Neighbourhood. Slide show with Bristol Foster and Trudy Chatwin. Lions Hall, 7 p.m. Family/Youth Family Roller-blading to Music. Fulford Hall Fridays, 7:30-9.	Music Karaoke. Vesuvius Pub, 8-12. Activities The New Art of Eurythmy. Mahon Hall, 10 a.m. Info: Colin, 250-746-0134. Chess. Saturdays , library, 1 p.m. Workshops Peaceful Mind With a Brush. With Kaz Tanahashi. Sat. only or Sat/Sun. Info: 537-9567. Meetings Canadian Federation of University Women. Guest speaker Rosemary Keough on Antarctica book. United Church, 10 a.m. Town Hall Meeting. On Community Energy Strategy, Islands Trust maps and more. All Saints By-the-Sea, 1 p.m. Special Events Bedroom Farce. WordPlay reading at ArtSpring, 8 p.m. Mid-Winter Madness. Open mike, music, song, comedy and more at the Legion. After the meat draw.	Music Uno Mas. Sunday Dinner Jazz, 7 p.m. Activities Super Bowl. Watch the game at the Legion. 1:30 p.m. SS Philosophers' Cafe. The End of the Nation State? Core Inn, 2 p.m. Peaceful Mind With a Brush. With Kaz Tanahashi. Info: 537-9567. Special Events Bedroom Farce. WordPlay presents reading at ArtSpring, 2 p.m.	Meetings Toastmasters Public Speaking Meeting. SS Seniors Centre, Mondays at 7 p.m. Info: Chuck, 653-2015. SEEDS EcoVillage Meeting. At StarBooks every Monday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Activities South-end Drop-in. For parents and wee ones, Mondays at Fulford Hall, 10 a.m. to noon. SS Concert Band. Meets at SIMS Mondays, 7:30. Info: Dawn, 537-1388.	Activities Drop-in Floor Hockey. Fulford Hall, 6:30-9 p.m. Welcome to Satsang. Ganges Yoga Studio, 7 p.m. Info: 537-1865. Chess. Tuesdays at Salt Spring Seniors, 6 p.m.

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- **The Barbarian Invasions** — Quebec director Denys Arcand reassembles the characters from his 1986 film The Decline of the American Empire, where they rally around a dying mom. In French with English subtitles.

Cable

SSTV Cable Channel 12 programming runs continuously for 24 hours beginning at 3 p.m. Friday, January 30. This week see **The Lost World**, a talk by Tom Koppel, author of a book by the same name. At a recent SS Historical Society meeting at Central Hall, Koppel presented new archeological discoveries by leading Canadian and U.S. scientists who have recently uncovered the oldest human remains in the Americas in caves in Alaska, Haida Gwaii and California. The fascinating new evidence suggests that the first people migrated from Asia to the west coast by way of the sea, not over an Arctic ice bridge as previously believed. Next up watch the second and concluding part of the Nov. 28/03 **Coalition of Concerned Citizens** of SSI public meeting on B.C. Hydro and our electrical system.

Exhibitions

June Boe is the featured artist through January and February at Island Savings.
Patricia Brown shows paintings at Moby's Marine Pub through January.
A Day in the Woods —a collaborative photographic show featuring the work of **Charlene Wolff, Laura Hughes McGrath, Erin Fawcett and Sam Barlow** is at Barb's Buns until February 8.

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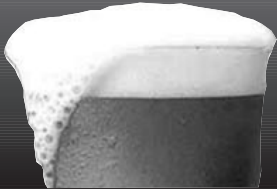
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Community boosts SIMS climbing wall

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Students will soon be climbing the walls at Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) thanks to local donations of time, money and materials.

The Salt Spring Island Foundation gave the school's climbing wall project a hefty lift with a recent \$4,000 grant. SIMS parent Chris Wilhelmsen also donated 60 hand-holds to help raise the wall.

"It's very exciting," said SIMS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) chair Kristina Kilbourn.

Since the climbing wall will be located outdoors near the skate park, the entire community will benefit from the project, but SIMS students will be the greatest recipients of the recreational donation, she said.

"It's perfect for that age-group. It's something else to do outside."

Economy is a factor in the project. The parents group would like to provide a new



BUILDING WALLS: Marilyn Snook, of the Salt Spring Island Foundation, hands over a cheque to PAC president Kristina Kilbourn to help with climbing wall expenses.

Photo contributed

playground at SIMS but there are no funds available for such a large project, she noted.

SIMS parent Marie Beaudoin dreamed up the climbing-wall plan over a

year ago as one way to spruce up activities in the playground area.

And the SIMS PAC earmarked \$6,000 from expected gaming grant revenue to build the facility in the

2002-2003 school year.

However, the PAC project was stalled when B.C.'s Solicitor General Rich Coleman halved gaming grants for schools in the province and cancelled many school grants for 2003-2004.

"We were sort of taken aback when the gaming commission changed the funding," said SIMS principal Kevin Vine. "But now we're full steam ahead."

Thanks to local sponsorship, the school will finally see a slightly scaled-down climbing-wall built of hand-holds mounted on sheets of plywood, instead of concrete, he said.

"It will be there for the community to use."

The low bouldering wall will be safely mounted over a bed of pea-gravel so that falling climbers will only descend about two feet.

"It will be much, much safer than skateboarding," he said, laughing.

SIMS parent Jack Rosen has spent many hours preparing the wall to weath-

er the elements and potential vandals.

"We've now built it so that if there's too much vandalism, we can move it indoors. Hopefully that won't happen and kids will realize it's for the whole community."

Deck coating will also protect the plywood from water damage and hand-holds have been bolted with "lock-tight" to make them difficult to remove.

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Retail space in Ganges remains scarce

Most of last year saw a scarcity of retail and office space in Ganges and early 2004 seems to be repeating last year's trend.

The only availabilities I spotted in a walkabout were a small retail spot and a few office spaces at **Grace Point Square**, and the former et cetera Salt Spring Books and Stationery store at **Upper Ganges Centre**.

• The **Chamber of Commerce** sponsors a Breakfast meeting at **Anise Restaurant** on Thursday, February 12 at 8 a.m.

The cost is \$3 and the keynote speaker will be **William Bull** speaking on employment standards and workplace fraud.

• In keeping with the tradition of community-minded businesses that populate Salt Spring, **The Local**, private liquor store and pub in **Gasoline Alley**, is launching its own Community Chest program.

Store manager **Sharon Boulter** said, "This is a great way for us to give back to the community that has made The Local a success in its first year of operation. For each customer that chooses to donate their 'Local Points' to a registered community organization, we will match their donation, making a possible 2 per cent of each purchase being contributed to worthwhile community causes."

Community groups and organizations are invited to register their group for the program by contacting Sharon or Talitha at 537-WINE (9463).

• While the **Driftwood's** advertising sales rep **Rick MacKinnon** is on medical leave, you can expect to see

associate publisher **Penny Graham** taking care of some of the Driftwood's advertising clients.

• **Wear Everywhere** is expanding next door into the former **Ganges Junk Company** spot. **Tom and Linda O'Connor** are experts in the grad dress business and have been taking their wares on the road in a trunk show featuring the latest grad fashions.

They tell us that after being in business for 20 years, they are busier than ever. The girls are lining up to try on **Grad Central** dresses. Web marketers take note: the O'Connor's Grad Central business has

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reached the number one position on Google.

• **Harlan's Chocolates** took a brief breather after the Christmas season and you'll notice the store has had a bit of a facelift.

And, it's just in time for the busy Valentine Day season. For a super treat, try the Gelato!

• More proof that Salt Spring Islanders are an innovative bunch.

The rammed earth house that won **Meror Krayenhoff** and **Terra Firma Builders** the 2003 CHBA-Victoria People's Choice and Environmental Achievement Awards is in

the running for province-wide recognition.

On January 31 the earth home will compete against more conventional homes for Gold Georgies from the Canadian Home Builders Association of British Columbia.

For those who missed the open house, the rammed earth house has two-foot-thick earth walls that block out noise from a busy road and swoop in a passive-solar, south-facing curve.

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PASSING THE BUCKS: Salt Spring Monetary Foundation president Bob McGinn hands over cash to Maggie Schubart and Ellen Garvie as the foundation announces a \$10,000 interest-free loan to the Salt Spring Island Community Housing and Land Trust Society.

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Breast cancer crisis eased by new-to-island program

A new support program for women diagnosed with breast cancer is now running on Salt Spring. Seven women have already been trained for the Salt Spring Island Breast Cancer Visitors Program, which is spearheaded by Ros Woolley. She benefitted from a similar program she volunteered with in Saskatoon for six years. Moving to Salt Spring two years ago, she noticed the absence of a "visitors" component in local breast cancer treatment.

"I just felt there was a need for it," said Woolley. The program sees diagnosed women matched with a volunteer, who listens to concerns and provides ongoing support. "We give helpful information and offer encouragement and support to strengthen their resources, maintain independence and grow positively through this crisis in their lives," explains promotional material. Visits can be arranged

before or after surgery, by telephone or at home, in the hospital or at neutral spots like coffee shops. "The relationship that forms depends on the needs of the patient and the bond that develops. It may be brief or it may continue on and off over several months with a combination of calls and visits."

Visiting volunteers are women who have physically and emotionally recovered from their own experience with breast cancer, gone through the Canadian Cancer Society training program and are sensitive and compassionate listeners. Anyone recently diagnosed with breast cancer who would like to make contact with a volunteer should call Woolley at 538-1902. Based on the ensuing conversation, Woolley will then match the individual and volunteer according to factors such as age and chosen treatment. Information sheets about the program have been distributed to island doctors' offices and other places. Woolley notes the visitors program is different from the existing Salt Spring breast cancer support group which meets on a weekly basis. Woolley is also the person to call for more information about any aspect of the new program.

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is now up and running. Women recently diagnosed with breast cancer should call program coordinator Ros Woolley at 538-1902 for more information.

Trail, nature club announces its February events

Following is the February schedule of walks, hikes, rambles and special activities for the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club.

- The monthly social at the United Church on Thursday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. will feature a trip through China by Willie Waddell.
- On Friday, February 6, club members are requested to help with trail maintenance and construction. Hikers and walkers should join Owen Benwell and George Hignell in some trail repairs and trail blazing in the Channel Ridge area. Bring your clippers, rakes, brush cutters, etc. and carpool to leave Portlock Park at 9:45 a.m.

Hikers

February 3: Join Simon Rook on a fairly rigorous hike in the Mount Maxwell area. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:45.

February 10: Join Owen Benwell and George Hignell at Ruckle Park for a broom cut at the lookout. All hands would be appreciated, so bring your own knee pads, cutters etc. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:40 a.m. to join up with south-enders at the main Ruckle car park at 10 a.m.

February 17: Zeke Blazecka will lead us through the Vogt reserve and Crown lands and back to Arnell Park. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:45 to meet up with south-enders at Arnell Park at 10 a.m.

February 24: Off-island to explore the gold mine trail in the Goldstream Park area with Bryan Adderley. Carpool to leave Portlock Park at 8:30 to take the 9 a.m. ferry from Vesuvius.

Walkers

February 3: Once more into the breach, Horatio! Carol Williams will take us on a short walk through Dunbabin Park, which was cancelled last month owing to heavy snowfall. Meet at ArtSpring and carpool at 10 a.m. for this easy outing to be followed by lunch at Moby's Pub.

February 10: It is time to help clear broom at Ruckle Park. Willing helpers are asked to bring clippers or garden snippers to cut the unwelcome growth. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at the park at 10:30 ready to eradicate. We will be mainly on level ground for easy footing.

February 17: We will walk through the trails on Channel Ridge this morning, led by Don Madsen, on a walk of moderate challenge only. Meet at Portlock Park and leave at 10 a.m. in carpools to rendezvous by the water tower on Canvasback. We will eat lunch on the trail.

February 24: Lynn Thompson will lead us off-island on a walk that most of us have not done before, on the Lenora-Mount Sicker Railroad trail that gently climbs to a bluff with a great lookout. This will be a gentle trail of some three kilometers, with Lynn providing us with some local history. And we can walk onto the Vesuvius ferry and walk to the trail from the Crofton side, so park your car at Portlock Park before 9:30 and we will carpool to the boat, which sails at 10 a.m. Return after lunch will be on the 2:15 sailing.

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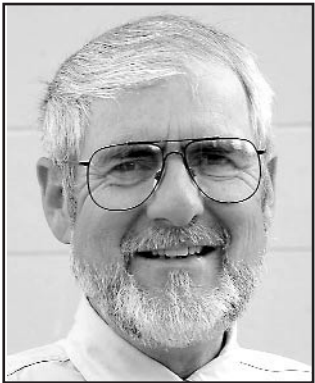
February 3: Margaret Allen will lead us on the new trail off Sarah Way. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or the turnaround at the end of Sarah Way at 10:15 a.m.

February 10: Today we go with other club members to Ruckle Park to assist in gutting and pulling broom. Please bring your own tools as well as your lunch. Note that we meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool and pick up south-enders at Beaver Point Hall at 10:15 a.m.

February 17: Edna Gatt leads us from the Long Harbour ferry terminal to walk to Spindrift at Welbury Point. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or the ferry terminal at 10:15.

February 24: Percy Dewar leads us through the north-end farm down to the beach and a short beach ramble. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

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KOREAN PERFORMANCE: Visiting Korean students held a performance for their friends and homestay families at the Salt Spring Island Middle School on Saturday. Seven students returned home to Korea after a three-week stay Sunday. Another 23 students will remain on Salt Spring and Galiano islands for four more weeks.

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

Island aims to pursue AIDS projects

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Representatives from Salt Spring groups combatting AIDS worldwide are gearing up for more community involvement in grassroots projects.

With an office now set up in the Creekside complex in Ganges, and a heartwarming response from a recent full-house film showing and discussion night at ArtSpring, the path is clear for more fundraising and positive international links.

“It was great,” said Gary MacNutt, referring to the ArtSpring evening where The Value of Life: AIDS in Africa Revisited was featured.

“The discussion was very emotional. It took everybody about five minutes to settle after the film was over.”

MacNutt was equally pleased with individuals’ commitments to contribute to the cause.

“It was very charged. People are looking to give it a lot of energy.”

Created by award-winning filmmaker and new Salt Spring resident Judy Jackson, it was shown by donation to the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which supports grassroots AIDS prevention, education and treatment programs.

The Value of Life follows United Nations HIV/AIDS envoy Lewis on a 2003 visit to Africa, where he was impressed by the work of grassroots organizations, yet frustrated by the dearth of antiretroviral (ARV) drugs

**“Working with local organizations makes sure all the money goes directly to the needs of a community project.”
— Fraser Hope**

for AIDS sufferers there.

In Jackson’s The Value of Life film, Lewis points out that while governments around the world drag their feet on the ARV front, small community projects are making a real difference.

“All of Stephen’s money is going to grassroots groups,” notes Jackson. “You see immediately the difference that money can make.”

One of those projects is the Salt Spring-linked Village of Hope initiative in Rwanda, spearheaded by Peter Bardon and Peggy Frank.

Their goal is to raise \$50,000 to bring water and electricity to a courageous community of women who have HIV/AIDS as a result of rape during that country’s genocide in the 1990s.

Bardon said they now have \$16,000 of the funds needed and, thanks to commitments made by Rotary Clubs on Salt Spring, in Parksville, Toronto and Kigali, a further \$12,000 could be added in the near future.

Jackson visited the Village of Hope project and reports how the women there have “really changed” as a result of western world involvement in their lives.

“They are absolutely optimistic.”

Bardon observes that even knowing somebody in another country cares about them “provides a huge spiritual uplift.”

Rotary also gave funds for a Kenya community garden project being undertaken by Michael Nickels of Salt Spring.

Small amounts of money go a long way in Africa.

Bardon recounts how when Peggy Frank sent a Rwandan woman \$50, it meant she could afford a whole year of school fees for her three children.

MacNutt and other islanders, including Memory Uglene, have also forged strong connections with individuals in the impoverished Vaal Triangle in South Africa, where an orphanage, community centre, telecentre with computers and community gardens have received resources through Salt Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development (SOLID).

MacNutt said SOLID hopes to work with a Food and Trees group to get another acre under cultivation, and to become involved with a university initiative that could see some South

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Artists and craftspeople who need to document their creations can benefit from a free workshop led by photographer Janet Dwyer.

Set for Tuesday, February 3, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Lions Hall, Photographing Works of Art, An Expanded Approach, is sponsored by the Community Economic Development (CED) Project.

“While a photographic record of artwork is desirable for insurance purposes and to chart personal growth, it soon becomes a necessity for self-promotion,” states a CED press release on the workshop. “High quality shots are needed for gallery or juried

show requirements, brochures and other publications. With Internet marketing entering the mix, digital reproductions are increasingly important.”

The workshop covers topics such as light sources, lighting techniques, filters, lenses and perspective control, with a focus on digital photography.

Dwyer specializes in photographing artworks and her clients include sev-

eral galleries, the Royal B.C. Museum and many individual artists.

She holds a degree in photographic arts from Ryerson University and has taught courses at the college/university level since 1978.

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By JOY BURROWS
Innerjoy Healing Centre

After spending many years in the Middle and Far East, my husband Alan and I moved to Salt Spring Island two years ago. During my time in the Far East I had the opportunity to study many healing modalities and the energy of this island led me to establish the Innerjoy Healing Centre.

One of the most exciting techniques I use is called the E.M.F. (electromagnetic field) Balancing Technique and I feel truly fortunate to have studied with the founder Peggy Dubro.

According to Lee Carroll, co-author of Indigo Children, "E.M.F. is a new energy system designed to accelerate the integration of spirit and biology so you can increase your health and co-create the miracles you need."

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Some children may react to the pressures of life and this technique has been very successful in helping them cope in a more positive way.

Lee's book contains a story about one boy who writes about the impacts and benefits of having E.M.F. sessions.

"It felt like night and day. I was more peaceful and able to contain myself and learned to understand my emotions."

I have assisted adults and children with this technique and the joy I feel when they

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I also offer reflexology, foot readings, sekhem, body harmony and reiki.

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Several of the disciplines I use complement one another and I have incorporated many into my own system, which I call "Innerjoy Healing."

For further information, call me at 537-8411, or e-mail innerjoy@telus.net. My website is www.innerjoy.ca.

The Driftwood invites practitioners of any health-improving activity to contribute material for Health Lines — a column aimed at providing basic information on classes and services available on Salt Spring Island. Submissions should not exceed 500 words. For more information, contact Driftwood editor Gail Sjoberg at 537-9933 or news@gulfislands.net.

Library construction neared end

Forty years ago
• Work was almost completed on a new library in Ganges. February 1, 1964 was set as the tentative opening date.

• P.G. "Jack" James of Vesuvius Bay developed a new disease-resistant tomato called Salt Spring Sunrise. The early heavy-cropping tomato was the result of six years intensive breeding for a strain suitable to the coastal climate.

• Nan's Coffee Bar in Fulford hosted a card tournament where bridge and 500 was played.

Thirty-five years ago

• Plans were underway to construct a 20-bed addition to Lady Minto Hospital. Year-end statistics revealed that the then-55-year-old hospital had doubled its activities in two years.

• Record winter weather hit the islands. School was closed due to icy roads. The chill was part of cold weather that saw December 29 hit a record low of -14 degrees Celsius. Salt Spring also received 109 centimetres of snow during December 1969.

Thirty years ago

• A dissident group of island parents pulled their children out of school to protest decisions by school board trustees. Parents wanted a greater share of the decision-making process.

• Some 203 new building permits on the Gulf Islands were valued at \$5,375,000. The figure was up \$500,000 from 1973.

• A team of provincial archeologists scoured Salt Spring and Pender Islands to create a list of archaeological sites.

DOWN THE YEARS

Twenty-five years ago

• Tony and Alice Richards purchased the Driftwood from Tony's parents Frank and Barbara Richards. The Richards family had taken over the Driftwood in January 1967.

• The herring-rope fishery was closed in local waters due to a drop in spawning figures for the Ganges area. The catch expectation for the region had dropped from 80,000 tons in 1977, to 70,000 tons in 1978 and was projected to be 60,000 tons for 1979. The fishery had brought almost 300 boats to Ganges in 1978.

• An attempt to thaw frozen pipes under a Fulford home led to an RCMP manhunt involving two police cars, a helicopter and tracking dogs. Neighbours of Dan Akerman mistook his calls to his wife for her to check their taps as the cries of someone lost on the hillside.

Twenty years ago

• Islanders launched a lawsuit against B.C. Ferries after the Crown corporation raised tariffs and imposed new inter-island fares. One concern was that Outer Islands residents would shop in Victoria instead of patronizing Salt Spring businesses.

• The Islands Trust called for public input on a rough draft of the official community plan (OCP). The OCP began in 1972 as a bylaw of the Capital Region and was adopted by the Islands Trust in 1979 when it took over land use and zoning matters for the islands.

• Engineers questioned



CHAMP: Do you know the person in this photograph? The Salt Spring Archives has received some photos taken on Salt Spring by Shirley Green from the 1950s and would like to identify the people in them. Call the Driftwood (537-9933) or Sue Mouat (537-9445) if you have any information to share.

Ganges homeowners about their septic systems as a precursor to the Ganges Sewer. A questionnaire revealed that 21.4 per cent of residents had problems with their septic systems.

A sewer plan received 46.4 per cent support with 28.6 per cent opposition.

Fifteen years ago

• The Galiano Island Visitors Association heard results of a 44-question survey that included a "yes" vote to public toilet facilities and a "no" vote to the idea of promoting tourism.

• A controversial meat-inspection bylaw was passed in the Capital Regional District to bring the Gulf Islands in line with the rest

of the district.

The proposed bylaw heard stiff opposition from island sheep farmers who argued that the regulations could force them out of business.

Ten years ago

• Coliform bacteria was found in surface water near the Burgoyne Bay liquid waste treatment facility.

• A Gulf Islands School District employee was cleared of sexual abuse charges after an investigation by the Ministry of Social Services and Housing.

• The Gulf Islands School District added \$184,000 to its administration budget to accommodate program planning for the new Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Five years ago

• Two men died in the fiery crash of a DC-3 cargo plane which plunged into a meadow on Mayne Island. The plane clipped a mountain at approximately 900 feet elevation.

• B.C. Ferries presented a plan to increase capacity on Gulf Islands routes by home-porting vessels at island harbours and by reducing some multi-port runs.

• A plan to ban artwork from school hallways was dropped after B.C. Fire Commissioner Rick Dumala heard "considerable community interest" opposing the fire-safety-initiated idea.

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Steamrollering Vantreights flatten FC squad



HIGH BALL: Al Moss, of the Vantreight's, comes out on top despite best efforts of Salt Spring FC's Tom McCollm (25) and Colin Walde (8). The Vantreights slammed FC 6-1 in Victoria last weekend. More images at: www.johncameron.ca/whatsnew.html.

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A battered Salt Spring FC team joined the ranks of the mighty fallen after the Vantreights tore through the islanders 6-1 at Royal Athletic Park Saturday.

"We're in good company. Everyone seems to be getting blown out by this team," said FC manager Ken Marr.

Division-1-leading Vantreights hold a record of 11-0-2 and a goal ratio of 6.44 (58 goals for and nine goals against) this season.

"They're the best team on Vancouver Island."

The "Treights" left teams littered in the rubble behind them this season: fourth-place Powell River Villa and Bays United White (sixth) both lost 8-2 in their meetings with the juggernaut. More recently, Gordon Head (fifth) dropped 5-1 on January 17, and Juan de Fuca (seventh) also took a 5-1 loss on December 6.

Salt Spring started out with a great opportunity against the Treights when captain Chris Jason put a shot on net from 35 yards only 18 seconds into the

game.

"It was a beautiful save by the keeper. It was a heck of a shot, quite a rocket."

Game momentum rocked back and forth but Vantreights hit pay-dirt with a goal at the 18-minute mark when a cross from the left side glanced off a striker's head to touch under the bar.

"It was a beautiful goal, nothing to complain about there."

Later in the half, a dubious foul call found islanders complaining while the Treights sunk a second goal off a long free kick to the top of the box.

"The guy was able to beat his defender, turn and shoot on Jono [McDonald] and beat him. So that was two-nothing."

Five minutes left in the half, FC found a way back into the game with a give-and-go combination between Jason Moulton and Tyler Cocker that allowed Cocker to place a pass across the face of the net for Mark Nordine to finish.

"That was positive but then we had a really bad miscue with about two minutes left in the half. The defender was beaten and

the guy was able to go on a breakaway on Jono and make it 3-1. That was sort of the back-breaker."

The islanders still believed they could recover in the second half. But lack of concentration, field practice and fitness saw the game go awry, Marr said.

"They were able to go in untouched on a breakaway, then a penalty and then another breakaway."

The team learned that coming in after a two-month break to play one of the toughest teams in Canada is hard to do, Marr said.

"Mentally and physically it was disappointing that we weren't able to hold them to less goals because we're definitely a better team than that."

FC keeper Jono McDonald faced 37 shots on goal, he noted.

"The guys realize this team has been very hot lately and that happens. We've just got to pull our socks up and get some points this weekend."

Now hovering in ninth place, the islanders play their old Division-2 rivals, Bays United White, at Portlock Park, 2:15 p.m. on Sunday.

Freak goals dash Old Boys' high hopes

Luck got the better of the Old Boys in a spirited 3-1 cup match against a younger and higher-ranked Victoria team at Topaz Park Sunday.

"As Graham Tweddle said, 'We've played worse and won. Today we played very well and lost, but the other team had all the luck,'" said Old Boys coach Fraser Hope.

A random draw saw Salt Spring's C-division Old Boys face the second-place B-division Victoria Athletics in the first round of the Tony Grover Cup match.

"Our first half was against the wind and we played really nice football coming out of defence. We had several chances but we were unable to capitalize."

At one point the Athletics keeper just managed to keep Antonio

Alonso's corner kick over the line.

"There were calls from Antonio in Spanish that it was 'so, so, so close.'"

Despite islanders' pressure, the Athletics managed a fluke goal from a shot off the post that rebounded to one of their players who slotted it home, Hope said.

"The balance of play was pretty even and we were holding our own against a much more experienced and younger team. We had high hopes that we might even sneak a lead out of the first half."

The Old Boys played a great controlled game, even though they had no substitutes and their timing suffered from the long lay-off, he said.

"The second half we started with high hopes of nicking back a goal. But

once again, a freakish deflection from a shot on goal from quite far out went right into the top corner of the net."

Netminder John Oblati had no chance on the shot, Hope said.

"That sort of deflated us a wee bit and tired legs began to set in then."

The Athletics then snuck in a third goal while the

fatigued Salt Spring team attempted to rally.

But in the last 10 minutes, the islanders continued to play well and Chris Cottrell placed a measured lob over the Victoria keeper's head to give the Old Boys "some justification for good play," Hope said.

They next play either a Gorge or Gordon Head B-division team in cup play.

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Soccer back up despite bad start

The soccer new year got off to an inauspicious start as the first scheduled weekend was obliterated by snow and then, to top things off, Sepp Blatter of FIFA decided to put both feet in his mouth by stating that women's soccer would get a boost if women would wear tighter shorts.

Unfortunately for Blatter, he does not seem to realize that soccer worldwide has no interest in replicating the WWF wrestling that denigrates women rather than promoting a real sport.

Anyway, this nonsense aside, the last weekend saw Salt Spring soccer teams return to action and the program back running at full steam.

SSIYSA tourney

With our tournament scheduled to go ahead on April 17-18, our association is looking for volunteers and sponsors to help us run this tourney, which will be a showcase of youth soccer on Salt Spring. It will bring at least 40 visiting teams to the island to participate in games for trophies and medals.

Due to the large number of teams and venues to be used we need people to assist with tourney set-up and operation to ensure it runs smoothly.

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As well, we are looking for corporate sponsors to partner with us to help defray the costs of trophies and medals for the teams.

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Cup games

B.C. Cup games are on the horizon so teams should be prepared to play both Saturdays and Sundays to complete the league schedule, cup matches, as well as make-up games in February, weather permitting, of course.

Also remember that all cup matches must have a winner so sudden death overtime and penalty kicks could become a factor — start practising kicks now.

Referees course

This is a reminder that the Class 5 referees course for youth and adults runs four consecutive Thursday nights beginning February 5, 6:30 p.m. at Gulf Islands Secondary.

To register, call me at 537-4970 (after 6 p.m.) or e-mail to mlegg@saltspringwireless.com.



POWER PACK: Dragon Mardon Dary, left, works at grabbing the ball as the Salt Spring squad takes on Vic West at the lower high school field on Sunday.

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Tenacious Dragons drop 1-0 at home

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A determined squad of Salt Spring Dragons launched fierce attacks against Vic West but couldn't puncture the net in a 1-0 loss at home Sunday.

"We just couldn't get the goals," said player-coach Sue King. "We did everything else right, we just didn't score and that's the problem."

Pumped up from a 5-0 win last week, the Dragons dominated play in a tight game against Vic West. Fans at the lower high school field cheered as Salt Spring maintained relentless pressure to force a number of corner kicks and throw ins.

"The midfield had a strong game in general. This was definitely a game we could have won but we didn't get the scoring opportunities," said King.

Player Joanne O'Connor was also pleased with the team's play during the game. She was particularly inspired by fellow midfielder Val Cunningham, who may have best personified the Dragons' tenaciousness in the game.

"She never gives up on a ball. She never turns and walks away from it."

King also commended striker Glynis Finer for her attacks through the middle.

"She's really improved. She was doing a great job of breaking through the defence with the ball."

Key Dragon defender Lorna Walde anchored the back line and helped develop offence. One of Walde's kicks was probably the best scoring opportunity of the first half, King noted.

"She had an amazing shot from 30 yards out. Most of us thought it was going in."

Jeanie Gray also had a consistent game in a couple of different defensive roles, King said.

Despite strong attacks and tight defensive coverage by Salt Spring, Vic West was able to score the lone goal 20 minutes into the first half.

Dragons keeper Tami Benoit made the initial save but a Vic West attacker was there to capitalize on the rebound, King said.

Throughout the rest of the match, Benoit was challenged to make some tough saves and did a great job in net, she added.

"Tami made a few key saves, which kept us in it."

The Dragons next play Island Storm in Victoria on February 1.

Shocked disc duo ties course record

Tight competition saw a disc-golfing team tie the course record once again during Sunday's random doubles tournament at Mouat Park.

Randomly generated partners Fritz Arnold and Scott Chapman hit birdies on every hole, except number six, to nab a 37 (17 under par).

Chapman was speechless about the achievement. "I'm very frightened," laughed Arnold.

Several doubles teams have hit a score of 37 but none have cracked the elusive score of 18-under-par at Mouat Park.

Also on the A-game but shy of a win, Brook Holdack and Gordon Murphy pegged a 39 (-15) for second place.

Odd-man Ted Hickford played California style with his alter ego "Zed" to hit third place with a 40 (-14).

Island disc golfers will next meet for random doubles action at 11 a.m. on February 1.

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3.Eyles Evan	261	376	637	64		31.Smith Donald	237	351	588	31
4.Lynch Kevin	250	384	634	45		32.McBride Richard	241	347	588	41
5.Mara Kathy	259	374	633	44		33.Redden Charlene	234	352	586	46
6.Johnson Cam	267	365	632	58		34.Steele Povene	251	335	586	40
7.Hardy Connie	260	369	629	48		35.Cummings Paul	226	359	585	38
8.Goldie Jim	260	368	628	50		36.Tamboline Philip	225	359	584	39
9.Huser Angela	233	395	628	52		37.Jarvis Gordon	233	350	583	42
10.Bateman John	256	363	619	60		38.Lynch Trudy	227	355	582	45
11.Hardy Mike	248	371	619	58		39.Reinholdt Kim	236	345	581	56
12.Lam Huy	244	374	618	54		40.Lynch Seve	231	350	581	51
13.Langdon Jack	261	353	614	54		41.Warnir Amanda	244	336	580	47
14.Jason Chris	245	367	612	52		42.Albhoose Sean	224	355	579	50
15.Tamboline W	252	357	609	51		43.Morris Liam	251	328	579	35
16.Sanderson Robert	236	373	609	44		44.Campbell Faedra	237	341	578	51
17.Devereux Mark	215	394	609	37		45.Doerksen Hank	215	361	576	48
18.Temmel Wolfgang	233	374	607	48		46.Funk Rainer	249	326	575	45
19.Newton Norma	251	353	604	45		47.Burns Lorne	223	350	573	36
20.Eyles Tobin	234	369	603	36		48.Buckley Jim	212	360	572	30
21.Mussell Dorethy	240	362	602	39		49.Hoban Rypawn	229	341	570	32
22.Anderson Dennis	245	354	599	44		50.Dunbar Bruce	219	350	569	44
23.Albhoose Jack	248	351	599	56		51.Strohmieir Monica	228	341	569	40
24.Buckley Arnold	251	346	597	53		52.Byron Regan	241	327	568	42
25.Burns Marie	225	371	596	45		53.MacLellan Gary	234	334	568	25
26.Morrison Joelle	243	352	595	43		54.Gosnell Mairi	220	347	567	31
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58.Irwin-Campbell Ar	235	329	564	38	84.Rompain Sheldon	203	325	528	33
59.Mussell Patricia	236	328	564	45	85.Mackinnon Baldy	210	317	527	31
60.Mussell Byron	231	331	562	28	86.Forsyth Deb	219	300	519	35
61.Misanchuk Terry	242	319	561	47	87.Mullan Pat	214	303	517	31
62.Newman Keith	236	323	559	41	88.Shantz Lorne	223	292	515	29
63.Hardie Madeline	230	329	559	34	89.Reynolds Paul	209	306	515	39
64.Albhoose Paul	225	330	555	56	90.Thomas Andrew	207	299	506	35
65.Anderson Caroline	225	330	555	41	91.Gillham Jeffrey	194	311	505	29
66.Howe Scott	206	345	551	40	92.Leask Lance	233	268	501	34
67.Tamboline Tina	218	332	550	44	93.Cameron Lorna	199	296	495	34
68.Spencer Peter	238	310	548	40	94.Hitchcock Bill	199	289	488	31
69.Temmel Max	230	318	548	35	95.Charlebois Jason	198	289	487	28
70.Nolan Elizabeth	210	337	547	44	96.Moban Lind-E	210	271	481	26
71.Millard Peter	235	311	546	45	97.Courtney John	210	271	481	38
72.Rompain Kerry	230	311	541	28	98.Forsyth Norm	188	292	480	28
73.Cunningham Jean	221	320	541	55	99.Baker Brent	198	280	478	35
74.Guedes Doug	216	324	540	30	100.Aeichele Jeff	177	294	471	20
75.Misanchuk Tamara	234	306	540	50	101.Broadbent Fred	194	275	469	34
76.Radford Brian	214	326	540	41	102.Sloan Randall	185	284	469	27
77.Shaske Lucy	223	317	540	55	103.Snetsinger Hannah	172	293	465	26
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79.Shantz Colleen	210	328	538	36	105.Cottrell Tracey	183	263	446	37
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A win, a tie and a loss

• Salt Spring's U13 girls team travelled off-island Saturday with only one sub and several injuries to take on Bays United.

Seemingly unable to shake the effects of a holiday lull, Salt Spring fell 3-0 to the Bays, who they have previously beat and tied.

Morgan credited hard work by Meredith Raddysh, Monique Comeau and Danica Lundy, who played a variety of positions in an attempt to break down the Bays defence.

He also commended Olivia Morgan in net, who made several key saves, and Olivia Budd who played hard despite an injury.

• The Salt Spring United U14 boys soccer team travelled off-island last weekend to play a regular match as well as a make-up game.

The boys found themselves evenly matched against Bays United Dynamos in their first game of the day.

Brandon Shaw was strong in net, thwarting any attempts by the Dynamos to score. Notable were Jordan Girard's moves in getting the ball up the field, Will Cornwall on defence and David Nix's ability to place the ball far and wide on his throw-ins.

Nix, Cornwall and Hugh Finer displayed great skill as defencemen: nothing got by them. However, the forwards were unable to find the open net so the score remained 0-0.

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Later that day, the team played Juan de Fuca in a very physical game on a soggy field at Colwood School.

The boys played solidly, winning the match 5-1. Juan de Fuca scored the first goal early in the first half, but Salt Spring came back quickly when Aulden MacQueen-Denz sent a beautiful ball to Cornwall who passed to Steve Greenwood to put it in the net.

Greenwood repeated the play five minutes later, again off a pass from Cornwall, putting Salt Spring in the lead at half time.

Early in the second half, Jesson Motherwell cleared a ball to Colby Little in the

midfield, who passed to Girard on the wing. Girard carried the ball up the wing and through the middle, displaying some very adept footwork, to score Salt Spring's third goal.

Nix scored the fourth goal from the defensive end of the field with a strong kick high in the right-hand corner of the goal.

Shortly after, Christian Huser executed a flawless pass from the midfield to Cameron Barter who passed it to Little in the 18-yard box. Little landed the ball in the left-hand corner to score Salt Spring's fifth goal.

Issac Raddysh and Liam Johnston played well in both games, displaying excellent ball control and great passing skills while Daniel Millerd, as forward, played a very strategic game against Juan de Fuca.



SCORPION STING: Eri Yoshikawa, above left, and Kim Cormack led the Gulf Islands Secondary School senior girls basketball team to a narrow 46-43 win over visiting Ballenas Secondary at the high school last Thursday.

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Junior girls nail double win

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) junior girls basketball team cashed in on an investment of practice time when their share of scoring took a big leap during two games last week.

"The girls moved the ball extremely well. They've moved from a game where they dribble down the court to a faster game where they move the ball down the court by passing the ball to an open player," said coach Jack Barclay.

Work done by the girls on

shooting and moving the ball with coaches Barclay and Jeff Savin has paid dividends.

The islanders played exceptionally well against Frances Kelsey, beating them 58-13 on January 20, he said.

Avery Brown and Val Harkema lead the team in scoring with 13 and 8 points respectively.

The GISS team followed up the win in Mill Bay to dominate Chemainus 75-25 with offensive style in a sec-

ond game Thursday.

"By the half-time mark we led the game 43-20," Barclay said.

He commended Brown, who notched a team-leading 21 points against Chemainus.

"Avery has been developing as a strong defensive player but an even stronger offensive player. She played exceptionally well throughout the game."

The girls next play in a tournament at Ladysmith on January 30-31.

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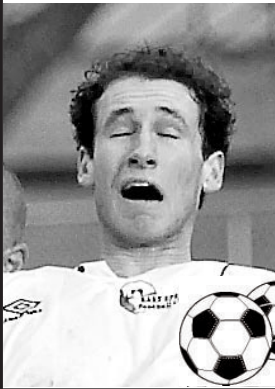
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MAN O' THE MATCH



Work ethic and an assist on goal earned Tyler Cocker the "man of the match" title in Salt Spring FC's 6-1 loss against Vantreights Saturday.

"He was just tireless. He had good control of the ball, he was good defensively, he didn't ever get burned and his effort was there," said FC manager Ken Marr.

Even though the game followed a two-month break for FC, Cocker was in excellent shape for the game due to his training for track and field, Marr said.

Cocker delivered a pass to Mark Nordine to score FC's lone goal against Vantreights.



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Sunday, Feb. 8	2:15pm	vs. Powell River	@ Portlock Park
T.B.A.		vs. Nanaimo United	@ Nanaimo
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6 DEATHS
ATKINSON, ALFRED Henry "Alf" left us suddenly at his home on January 20, 2004. He is predeceased by his beloved wife Sharon in 1983, his father Harry and sister Karen. Survived by loving wife Barb, children Tony (Norma) of Mackenzie, Alison (John) Walker, Alex (Christine) and Kim, all of Duncan, Terri (Patrick) Hill of Edmonton and Mandy (Mike) of Cobble Hill. He also leaves behind 7 grandchildren, and 1 great grandson, that he adored so much, Melissa, Cole, Jessica, Justin, Kyle, Marty, and Adam and great grandson Devon, as well as his mother Sadie of Galiano Island, sister Millie (Doug) Kirk of Merrit and best friends Merv and Barb Pywell. He will be missed by his two black shadows Buddy and Buster. Alf entered this world on December 14, 1944. He grew up quickly on Galiano Island and all his adult life was proud to be a hard worker. At 15 he started commercial fishing but soon turned his sights inland and logged on Vancouver Island. Alf was an avid hunter and fisherman, and an active member of the Cowichan Fish and Game Association for many years. He was the driving force behind several Conservation Projects and was always concerned for the functional well being of the environment. He was a proud member of the I.W.A. A service to celebrate the life of Alf was held Tuesday January 27, 2004 at the Duncan Legion Branch #53. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Alf's memory to the Cowichan Fish and Game Association Conservation Fund, Box 445 Duncan, BC V9L 3X8.

HAYWARD'S FUNERAL SERVICE GANGES

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Funeral Director

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LOUISE HILLARY FOULIS
(nee Patterson)
Feb. 19, 1912 – Jan. 22, 2004

Passed away peacefully at Victoria General Hospital on Jan. 22, 2004.

She is survived by her children: Robert (Barb) Foulis, Cheryl (George), Leukefeld, Fergie Foulis, Allyson Foulis, Bernice Foulis. Grandchildren: Lisa (David), Darren, Laura (Greg), Katherine (Kevin), Matthew, Nikki, Justin, Monika. Great granddaughter Rozina.

Mother was long affiliated with many clubs & charitable organizations in Vancouver and for the last 40 years on Salt Spring Island, B.C. Mother loved her "Island in the Sun". She will be sorely missed by her family and many friends. The family would specially like to thank Dr. Shklanka, the staff at Lady Minto Hospital and the ladies of the Ambulance Service, who were so very gentle and kind with her.

6 DEATHS
BRACHER, JOHN Noel: Passed away peacefully with his family at his side on January 25, 2004 at Lady Minto Hospital in his 88th year. He is survived by his loving wife Jo, brother Eric (Grace), sons John (Judi), Peter (Jo), Michael (Gigi), niece Susan (John) and son Christopher as well as several grandchildren. A service will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at St. Marks Church at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Marks Church. Reception to follow at 3:00pm, Meaden Hall. Many thanks to the doctors and staff at Lady Minto Hospital for their care and concern. Hayward's Funeral Service.

8 CARDS OF THANKS
Thank You
I would like to sincerely thank everyone who voted in the fire trustee election, and consider it a privilege to serve the Saltspring Island Fire Dept. I look forward to working with the other trustees, staff and the firefighters.
- Dan Lee

10 CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday John
with lots of love, from all of us!

Happy 60th Birthday

to our Buff daddy, Grandpa & brother.
From your loving family
"60 never looked so good!"

Happy 60th Paul

Still glad I got you, Val

20 COMING EVENTS
FOR A complete calendar of coming events check the Driftwood Community Calendar, in our office in the Upper Ganges Centre, 328 Lower Ganges Road, or on our website at <http://www.gulfislands.net>. Use the calendar for event planning, to make sure your date doesn't conflict with someone else's.
WATERCOLOUR classes. Beginner or intermediate, 6 weeks, Starting Feb 10 or 12. Max 5 students. Contact libby@saltspring.com
PEACEFUL MIND With a Brush. Join master calligrapher, painter, peace worker, Kaz Tanahashi, for this inspiring, enjoyable brush workshop. No exp. needed. Jan. 31 &/or Feb. 1, \$60 each day. 537-9567.
BUDDHIST LOVING-KINDNESS meditation course, Six Tuesdays February 10 – March 16, \$58, please call Matthew Coleman 537-2378 for information.
KIDS' DANCE Classes, Ages 5-7. 3-4 PM Tuesdays starting Feb 3rd: Fulford School Gym. Wednesdays starting Feb 4th: Ganges United Church. For info and registration call Robbyn Scott 653-4088.
TAEKWONDO INSTRUCTION. United Church, lower hall. New students/visitors welcome. Mondays 6 pm Children & Adults. WTF courses. 537-0687.
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9:00-10:30am	Seniors Yoga (Seniors - \$8)
11:00-12:00pm	Backcare
4:30-6:00pm	Beginners/Level 1
6:30-8:00pm	
TUESDAY	Dharma Class (sliding scale \$5-\$10)
9:00-10:30am	
WEDNESDAY	Mixed Levels
9:00-10:30am	
THURSDAY	Levels 1&2 Starts Feb. 5
4:30-6:00pm	
SUNDAY	Satsang: spiritual songs and readings (free)
3:30-5:00pm	

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20 COMING EVENTS
S.S.I. ROD & Gun Club, Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, February 11 at 8 p.m., 221 Long Harbour Road. Info: call 537-2409.
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A Slide Show with Trudy Chatwin & Bristol Foster
Fri., Jan. 30th
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SALT SPRING ISLAND 4-H SHEEP CLUB
REGISTRATION FOR 2004
Thurs., Feb. 5, 2004
7:00pm, Farmer's Institute
• open to youth ages 9 to 19
• must have active parental support and participation
The objectives of 4-H clubs are knowledge, leadership, citizenship and personal development.
"Learn to do by doing!"
• raise your own lamb
• work as a team at 4-H events & fairs
• participate in community events
• have fun!
For more info call Sharyl Watkins 538-1900


Upcoming CED Workshops
Photographing Works of Art: An Expanded Approach
A focus on digital photography with Janet Dwyer. February 3rd at the Lions Hall 6:30-9:30pm
Basic Book Keeping Five sessions with Marion Markus
There will be a \$60 charge for this course (includes a manual). Starting Feb 18th and running every Wednesday until March 17th, 7:00pm-9:00pm
Tax Tips with Jean Elwell
March 2nd, 7:00pm-9:00pm at the Lions Hall
Please RSVP to the: Community Economic Development Project 537-4219
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SS Centre of Yoga
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6:30pm-8:00pm
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32 MEETINGS



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Date: Saturday, January 31, 2004
Time: 1:00 PM
Place: Anglican Church Parish
110 Park Drive

Formal presentations will be made on the following topics:

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29 LOST AND FOUND

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FOUND: FINGER piano at Ruckle Park. Call to claim, 653-0052.

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This week the Sun aligns with Neptune in Aquarius. The Sun represents our conscious focus in the here and now. Neptune represents the subconscious, imagination, dreams, illusions and mysticism. When the two come together, we are apt to experience confusion and blurred thinking with respect to "normal" everyday linear rational thinking that is currently popular in the world. This mode of thinking is only generally true and has not always been the norm nor shall it always be. Rationalism is its own form of reductionism that honours quantities more than qualities and due to its excess we are currently experiencing imbalance in the world. Rationalism seeks pure objectivity in a universe that is ultimately subjective, the mystics and physicists alike now know it to be so. At best when Sun and Neptune align, we awaken to the dream state, and gain the opportunity to see through and beyond the illusions of the physical reality. Interestingly, the physical reality is its self but the result of a dream woven, in part, by our own imaginations. As Albert Einstein says, "Imagination is more powerful than knowledge". The Sun and Neptune together is an opportunity to remember that we truly are the dream weavers.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)

Weaving dreams with friends new and old is in your stars now. Awakenings to sublime realities may prove a bit disturbing but could be just the trip you seek. Finding you place in the world amidst the mist is dragging your feet to the ground all the while. Ah well, jot down a quick list of intentions and give yourself some extra time to fulfill them. Perhaps the call is to live by your own myth. Dream baby dream!

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)

You have been holding yourself back, in certain respects, for too long now. The time has come to spread your wings more fully and fly. Your fame is growing and people do talk so give them something really good to share. Beware of judgments, harsh and otherwise, they are reckless boomerangs in disguise; they slip out when our own light blinds us. Remember the golden rule to love your neighbor as yourself.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)

You soul-searching seekers are very close to the gold that glitters true. Angels and

guides are around to protect and direct, in as much as your mind is open and your heart sincere. New discoveries and uncharted realms are catching your attention. Core health is the beauty you desire. This includes awakening the spirit as much as attending to your physical temple. Dig deep because the treasure is there.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)

We are all seeing the dawning light of a new day. Yet, to see clearly we must get out of our own way and wipe away the past from our eyes. There are many self-help books out there to assist you. Communing with others of like mind that are thirsty for the higher mind, might do the trick. If your ambitions are rising, consider collaborating with others for best results. Plan to launch big time in the springtime.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 21)

Dreams and nightmares are polar opposites that come from the same source, your inner mind. Some call it the unconscious but it is actually the subconscious and is very conscious indeed. Yet, we are usually unconscious in our awareness and participation with the very conscious subconscious. The ability to consciously work with our subconscious mind is a form of magic. It is time to awaken the magician and weave new dreams.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23)

An escape from the bondage of habitual thought and action is calling you, like sirens to the sea. Freedom from roles, self-concepts and blockages hidden within, below your conscious thoughts is your dream. There is always another way to see, be and do, you know. Creative thinking is the anecdote to habit. Emotion is the glue of what we do habitually. Motion is the solvent to emotions that bind. So, get moving!

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21)

Creative imagination is the source of genius. Like lightening bolts, new thoughts, ideas and visions are illuminating your mind. You may wish to lie back and simply enjoy the sensational show. However, it may be wise to stand ready to capture the eureka-flashes before they melt back into the causal. This is your chance to gain a clearer glimpse of the exciting future that is coming soon to the theater in you!

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20)

Subtle yet sure changes are brewing deep in the lair of your

being. This process began almost five years ago and will continue for another seven. At best, it is dissolving the illusion of separateness. However, it may feel confusing and even disturbing. You now have the opportunity to become more consciously aware of what is happening. Surrender to the process. Let your separate self melt away and reveal your soul.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)

Your perceptions and thus your overall mode of communication are subject to the influences of Neptune now. At best, this is giving you sublime insights and mystical knowing. However, your ability to communicate clearly with others is the challenge. You are wise to take extra care especially when negotiating legal deals. Tend to duty and business with eyes wide-awake, and then slip into the abyss.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

Your attitude and values toward the material are ever more ethereal. Things are not so much the stuff of power, love is. Love is the unity mind that binds the minds of the many into a unified whole. Sure, there is work to do and plans and strategies work best. You know now that whatever we have and do is to feel good. Security is not so much about things as it is about a heart that sings along with angels with wings.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

"This is the dawning of the Age of Aquarius, the Age of Aquarius...Aquarius!"... "When the Moon is in the 7th House and Jupiter aligns with Mars then we will experience the freedom we seek..." I love that song! By the way, this Astrological code means when justice (7th house) is our core sentiments (Moon) and when our actions (Mars) in alignment with the higher-minded knowing that we are one in the spirit, then we will be free... in case you forgot. :)

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

You are awakening to the fact that you and everyone is a spiritual being. In fact, everything is simply the spirit made manifest. Yes, even the rocks are spiritual though not everything is a spiritual being, as you, I and we are. Faith in such realities is a part of the process. However, it need not be blind. All the world is truly a dream, kind of like a hologram with God as the programmer. Enter the heart/mind of God, the Grand Dream Weaver.

Michael O'Connor

6 DEATHS

DEVOE, JOAN, October 7, 1916 Wolverhampton, England - January 23, 2004. Joan will be lovingly remembered by her son, Rain Draper and her daughters, Wendy Draper and Deanne (George) Turner. She was predeceased by her much loved son, Peter Draper in April 2002 and her husband Jim Devoe in 1984. She is fondly remembered by her many relatives in England, especially her older brother Charles. Her grandchildren Rosie, Chris, Zoe, Josh, Amy, Ben, Keven, Janis, David, Shannon and Tawny will have many fond memories of her to cherish. She also has 18 great-grandchildren to do her proud. In 1946, as a young war-bride, Joan, with husband, Raymond Draper and three small children in tow crossed the stormy Atlantic on the Aquatania. After spending one winter in Regina, they quickly moved to warmer climes in Vancouver where they enjoyed picnics in Stanley Park and the beach at White Rock. In 1960 they moved to a small hobby farm in South Surrey where Joan enjoyed her dogs and cats and the trials of raising beef. As life would have it, Joan remarried in 1973 to Jim Devoe and they spent many happy years together living the quiet country life in Hope, Oliver, White Rock, Vancouver Island and finally to Salt Spring. They enjoyed nature--finding burls, driftwood and even gold-panning. They shared a common bond of their faith and spent many hours together on their witnessing mission. After Jim's demise, Joan lived in White Rock but later returned to her precious Salt Spring Island. She was an enthusiastic ambassador of the island lifestyle and enjoyed the simple pleasures of life - her dog, Daisy, her flowers, the birds and stray cats, walks to town and friends at the coffee shop and, of course, having family visit. She dearly loved her family and was a source of strength for them, she always had time to listen and visit. Many islanders will remember Joan, affectionately called "the Pink Lady", standing by the bank in Ganges with a friendly smile and magazines in hand - a testament to her deep faith. Just to close, a quote from Harriet Doerr: "During your life, everything you do and everyone you meet rubs off in some way. Some bit of everything you experience stays with everyone you've ever known, and nothing is lost. That's what's eternal, these little specks of experience in a great, enormous river that has no end." Dear Joan, you will always be remembered. Special heartfelt "thank you" to Dr. Leavitt and the nurses and staff of Lady Minto as well as all those kind and concerned folk at Greenwood's Memorial Service, Saturday, January 31 at 2:30, Jehovah Witness Kingdom Hall and Memorial Reception Open House, 3:30 - 5:00, Harbour House (Blue Room). In her memory: give time and kindness to residents of Greenwood's.

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Know why?

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They sell something called a "Venti."

There is no way in hell I am ever going to step up to a coffee counter and ask for a Venti.

Wouldn't help if I preferred a medium or a small cup. Starbucks doesn't sell those either. At Starbucks, medium and small are "grande" and "tall" respectively.

Maybe it's a Geezer Thing, but to me, coffee is an abidingly simple drink.

You've got your good beans; you've got your boiling water; you've got your nice, chunky china mug. You don't need your mocha/frappachino/mocchiata/lattetallahatchee confection to muddy the libational waters.

That's my opinion. Starbucks couldn't agree less.

As a matter of fact, the geniuses at Starbucks have intensified their coffee lingo antics. They've published a 20-page booklet called Make It Your Drink, which encourages customers to hurl themselves headlong into a linguistic Brave New World of Starbucks.

You want a cup of decaf? The booklet encourages you to ask for "unleaded." You want more foam and less milk? That's a "dry cappuccino."

Looking for an extra jolt

to kick start your day? You want a "shot in the dark" (extra espresso). You gonna drink it here or take it with you? You'll need a "for-here cup" or else a coffee "with legs."

And if you're a hide-bound traditionalist just looking for a cuppa Joe, don't expect much empathy from your smiling Starbucks coffee jockey because Starbucks doesn't have mere "employees" any more. They call them "customologists."

Gah.

Starbucks claims it needs a "more comprehensive" methodology for marketing their goodies and maybe they're right. After all, they claim there are (I'm not making this up) 19,000 possible combinations of coffee-based drinks and flavours on the Starbucks menu. The company says it hopes this new gambit will "make the coffee-ordering experience more fun."

Somebody needs to tell Starbucks that ordering coffee isn't supposed to be a soul-enhancing experience. DRINKING coffee is fun. Ordering coffee is like driving through traffic to get to the dance.

That's what I think — but what do I know. Last year, Starbucks coffee sales worldwide reached \$4.1 billion, whereas I made just enough money to pay off my student loan. Which I've been carrying since 1965.

In any case, the Starbucks pamphlet isn't breaking new ground.

People have been riffing jazz solos off the stuff we put in our mouth for eons. Even the humble cup of coffee has its synonyms — Java, Joe, Quickstart.

As for what we consume with our coffee, we fool with that too. I used to eat in a restaurant where Eddie the waiter got his kicks by spontaneously re-naming dishes on the menu. If someone came in and ordered a cheeseburger with lettuce, tomato and onion plus a salad, Eddie the waiter would yell out "ONE CHEESE PUCK, ALL DRESSED, SIDE OF SLAW. . . ." If a customer wanted two poached eggs on toast, Eddie would lean into the kitchen and holler "ADAM AND EVE ON A RAFT — AND BURN IT!"

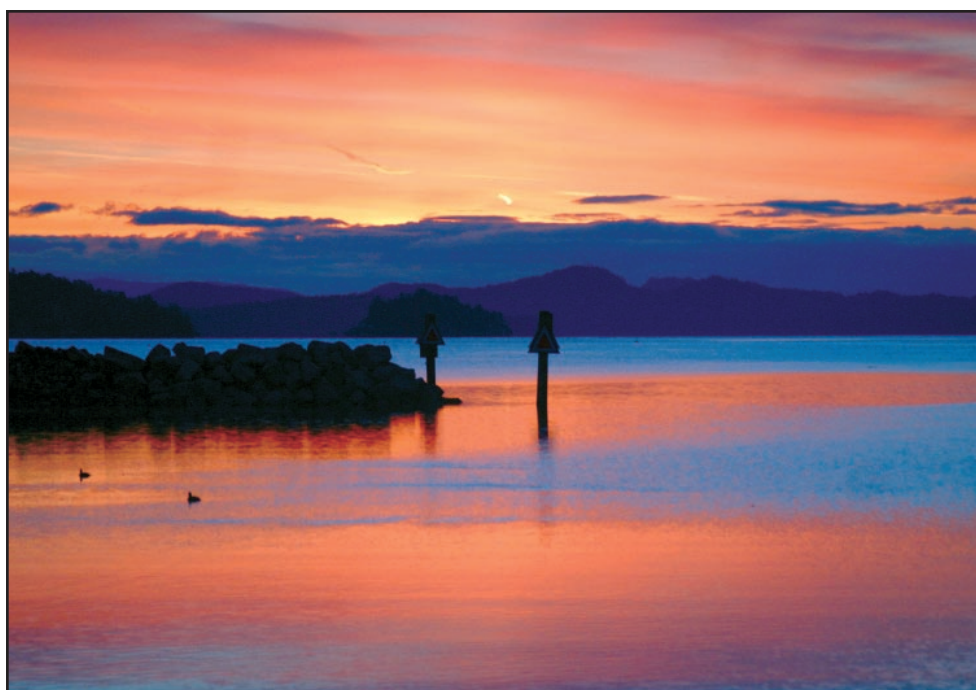
Now, Darlene, the cook, was a literal kinda gal. She sometimes had trouble understanding the orders. I remember the day she came out waving a bill saying, "What's this order, Eddie — 'three flat tires, double headlights and a pair of dry running boards' — what am I, a garage mechanic?"

Eddie patiently explained what the order meant: three flat tires — three pancakes; double headlights — two eggs, sunny side up; and a pair of dry running boards stood for two strips of bacon, extra crisp.

Darlene harrumphed and went back into the kitchen. A couple of minutes later, a steaming bowl of pork and beans appeared in the server's window.

"Who's this for?" asked Eddie.

"It's for the guy with the car," yelled Darlene. "I figured while he's waiting for his order he might wanna gas up."



SALT SPRING COLOURS: Between rainy, puddle-making days and clear mornings (not to mention a few wonder-white snow days), January on Salt Spring has been washed in colour. At top, the sun rises on the Ganges horizon, while at right, a lone rollerblader rolls through the puddles at Portlock Park. Above, Fulford school students Allison Wade and Shanti Amal Hill check out a weather station.

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SIMS Tsunami program swamps island opposition

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Residual ripples from a local tsunami have been wreaking havoc at high schools around Central Vancouver Island.

Ill-prepared basketball teams on the big island have found themselves swamped by Salt Spring Island squads for the past couple of years.

Once again, the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) senior boys are undefeated so far this season, the senior girls and junior boys have been pegging consistent wins and, last week alone, the GISS junior girls beat Mill Bay by 45 points (58-13) and Chemainus by 50 points (75-25).

These major discrepancies in scoring and tactics beg the question of why GISS basketball teams outperform their rivals so consistently?

Answers to the basketball-performance mystery might be found in ground-work training offered at Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) through the Tsunami “learning league.”

“It wouldn’t happen without parents,” said SIMS parent advisory committee chair Kristina Kilbourn.

She’s seen kids and parents both having fun at Tsunami games and practices where they’ve been building skills and developing knowledge of the game.

“We think we should back off. But at this age level, parent involvement is more important than ever.”

Administrators at the Gulf Islands School District board meeting also applauded parent participation after they heard some 60 parents attended the Tsunami season opener on January 12.

“We have, thankfully, a bunch of really motivated parents coaching,” said league organizer and SIMS teacher Ken Cameron.

This year, 60 students in grades 6 and 7 signed up to play on six teams in the intramural league, he said.

But he noted that the seeds of basketball performance were planted by local elementary schools, which start players off in grades 4 and 5.

After a few years in elementary school and the Tsunami learning league, islanders then move up to the SIMS Grade 8 teams, where they meet another level of competition in games against other schools in the region.

“They’re off to a really good start.”

These three SIMS teams — two girls teams and a boys team — also dominate their opposition, he said.

“Our league is fairly weak in Cowichan, so we try to get weekend tournaments.”

One SIMS girls team

won a middle school tournament at John Barsby School just before the Christmas break.

Ucluelet fell 49-22, A.W. Neill of Port Alberni dropped 54-21 and Nanaimo’s Wellington collapsed 40-21 in the final.

“Where they won it was defence,” said Cameron.

SIMS’ three opponents were each only able to score two points in the first quarter, he said.

“Defensively our kids just shut them right down. Plus they played heads-up basketball.”

Though Wellington attempted to use a defensive strategy called a “press” against SIMS in the final, they only scored two points, while the islanders hit 12.

A press is an aggressive type of defence that attempts to force the opponents to make errors by guarding them closely.

“Our guards were so quick, they couldn’t stop them. Our guards just drove right past them. We have a really good team this year. But we always seem to have a really good team.”

Two SIMS girls teams went to another tournament in early January where they both went undefeated.

“As a matter of fact, the other teams only managed two and 10 points against them,” Cameron said.

While the SIMS boys lost two games in the tourney, they still played very well against some of the top island competition, Cameron said.

Quamichan beat SIMS 40-36 but they won the league for the past two years, he noted. Duncan’s Mount Prevost Middle School also beat SIMS 52-46.

In league play, the SIMS boys recently beat Chemainus 55-39 on January 14.

“They played a really strong game.”

The SIMS girls Team 1 also demolished Chemainus 74-2 on January 13.

“We told them to take it easy. But everything they put up went into the basket.”

The SIMS girls Team 2 also beat Queen Margaret’s School (of Duncan) 36-15 at home on January 20.

The two girls teams are not divided by skill, but simply by numbers, he noted.

“Again, Queen Margaret’s didn’t have any baskets in the first quarter. They just shut them down defensively,” he grinned.

The SIMS girls teams will both play off-island Thursday. SIMS 1 will play Duncan Christian while SIMS 2 will play George Bonner School.

The next home game will see the SIMS girls Team 1 meet Lake Cowichan on February 5.



TSUNAMI POWER: Players from the two grade 8 girls teams at Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) watch their cohorts battle the boys during a practice match Friday.

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